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Trinity Stacks up Poorly in Annual Princeton Review Rankings

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NEWS EDITOR

For the third consecutive year, the Princeton Review ranked Trinity College as No. one in "Town-Gown Relations Strained" and No. two in

"Little Class/Race Interaction" in its annual college and university rankings. This comes despite the College's efforts to increase community involvement and diversity on campus.

Trinity was also included

in the "Best 371 Colleges," another classification put forth by the Princeton Review.

Of the negative rankings by the Princeton Review, Dean of Students Frederick Alford finds Trinity's rank as No. 20 in "Least Happy Students" the

most perplexing.

"I come in contact with students who are unhappy with some aspect of the College, but all the survey data, most personal accounts, and the percentages of seniors and young alumni and alumnae who sup-

port the College with gifts don't support the Princeton Review's ranking," says Alford, who questions the validity of the Princeton Review's findings.

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Year Starts off on Wrong Foot with Slur

ALLISON PICKENS '12
NEWS EDITOR

A continued investigation into an incident of discriminatory harassment is underway after a student filed a report to the College.

The victim, identified as a gay man, found homophobic slurs and sexually explicit drawings on the white board attached to the door of his room.

Associate Dean of Students, Christopher D. Card expressed his sincere shock and disappointment in a campus-wide e-mail issued Saturday evening.

"All members of our campus community should know that an incident like this will not be tolerated at Trinity College and runs contrary to purposes of our college. We will deliberately use all appropriate means to determine the identity of the culprits and hold them to account for this heinous act," Card said.

Trinity officials are regarding this report as a hate incident related to sexual orientation.

Card notes that Campus Safety Officers "will be paying special attention to the area

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Hazelton Retires After 36 Years as AD



Emily Gittleman

Rick Hazelton is the third Athletic Director in the past 74 years at Trinity, and he has been instrumental to Trinity's success.

STEPHANIE APSTEIN '10
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When former Athletic Director Karl Kurth hired Rick Hazelton as his successor in 1982, Hazelton was quoted in the Tripod as saying, "Most likely, unless I get fired, I'll be here 25 years."

As it turns out, he under-shot that figure. A member of the Trinity College athletic

department for 36 years and Athletic Director for 28, Hazelton has impacted the extracurricular lives of countless students. During his tenure as Athletic Director, Hazelton oversaw the inclusion of the NESCAC in NCAA post-season play during the 1993-1994 season; the expansion of the women's athletic program from 10 to 14 varsity sports; and the construction of state-

of-the-art facilities such as the Friends of Trinity Rowing Boathouse, the Kellner Squash Center, and the Koepfel Community Sports Center.

Trinity athletes have made good use of these facilities during Hazelton's time at the College; the Bantams have won 11 straight national men's squash championships, the

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School Announces H1N1 Flu Protocol



Emily Gittleman

All students are advised to get the vaccine once the College makes it available.

JAMES KUKSTIS '10
DESIGN EDITOR

As colleges and universities around the country welcome back students, numerous incidents of the H1N1 virus have been reported widely in the

media. The Trinity College Health Center has been preparing for a possible outbreak, though the campus has not been alerted of any cases here.

"We are carefully monitoring the incidence of the virus and taking our main cues from The

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health," Alford wrote in an e-mail. He also noted that Trinity has been collaborating with other local colleges for information and training sessions.

Numerous alcohol-based hand sanitizers have been placed throughout campus to help combat any potential spread.

All students are encouraged to obtain a digital thermometer and personal alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

In addition to the seasonal flu vaccine, which will be available to the Trinity community in October, the College hopes to be able to secure H1N1 vaccines at the same time, if it is ready for

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Students Pack Hamlin for A Cappella Concert

KAYLA CHADWICK '12
ARTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Trinity College musical season kicked off Friday night with the biannual A Cappella Auditions concert, and all five of the college's groups were on hand to perform and audition new members. Each ensemble treated the audience to two songs.

The Trinitones, Trinity's oldest all-female group, started off the night in style, singing "Better in Time" featuring soloist Claire Talcott '10. The girls all dressed in basic black, and finished up with a spirited rendition of the group's traditional song, "The

Peppermint Twist,' featuring Brooke Staley '11 and Olivia Miller '10 on vocals, while the group revved up the audience with some dance moves.

As the Trinitones retreated to applause and cheers, the Accidentals took the stage and sang their own signature piece, "Good Old A Cappella." Ben Dawson '11, Jake Robertson '10, and Michael Magdalinskis-Vasquez '11 took care of the lead vocals on "Good Old A Cappella," a com-fortingly familiar song to those who might have frequented an Accidentals concert in the past. The one and

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Tripod Editorials

Athletes Must Take Action

You may have noticed that we are in the midst of an economic crisis.

Most of us have felt the hit some way or other, but it has been easy to be persuaded by President Jones' soothing e-mails that the College will be less affected than many other institutions.

We are already seeing small changes, such as the decrease from \$25 to \$10 in Printing Dollars per semester. My guess is that most of us can live with saving a few trees and little money.

However, as a student-athlete and a four-semester Sports Editor of this very *Trinity Tripod*, I am not sure why it did not occur to me until very recently that the budget for the activities that for many people define their college careers might also suffer.

When I interviewed Athletic Director Rick Hazelton for the article on his impending retirement, he offered many insights on his 38 years of service at Trinity, but I found none more illuminating and terrifying than his inability to promise me that all 29 varsity sports will exist next season.

Hazelton has weathered other substantial budget cuts in

his tenure at Trinity, but in the past, they have all been Trinity problems. Now, he explained, the whole world is suffering and it is becoming harder to find the money we need.

"We're going to have a big cut come next July, so I'm not going to be there when it happens, but at least I can help prepare for it," he said. "The goal is to not cut any sports, but it's going to be a huge chunk of change that we're going to have to come up with."

As it is, the \$4 million annual Athletic Department budget does not provide enough money to go around, and eight varsity sports require outside fundraising to foot the bill for their operating budget, and one, men's lacrosse, relies on fundraising for not only the operating budget, but also the coaches' salaries.

If we are forced to add other sports to that list, there is no guarantee that they will be able to stay afloat.

"Trinity has mastered the art of cutbacks, so if anything we're ahead of the curve," said Associate Athletic Director Robin Sheppard when I interviewed her for the same article. "But I don't know how much more blood is in the stone."

It is hard to guess which sports teams will be on the chop-

ping block if it comes to that, but it seems reasonable to guess that those same teams who feel that they are under-covered by the newspaper and under-appreciated on campus should be worried.

So, Bantam athletes, past and present, this is my call to you: write letters to the *Tripod* about what your athletic career has meant to you and how it would suffer if you were no longer allowed to compete. Emphasize that without the help of our many alumni, we will not enjoy the same athletic success to which we have become accustomed.

If the school cannot guarantee us that we will be allowed to participate in our sports next season and beyond (and here I am not blaming the administration, as certainly other equally or more important programs are also experiencing cuts), then we must ensure our own financial security.

Despite its shortcomings and occasional blunders, the *Tripod* does allow us an opportunity unlike any other here at Trinity: if we are moved to take the step, we can have our voices heard by thousands. Perhaps we are wasting this privilege on something as trivial as sports, but that certainly seems more profound than, say, discussions of the VMAs.

-S.E.A.

In Defense of Kanye's Ego

For those of you who have been living under a rock for the past 48 hours, there was a bit of a celebrity scandal during this year's MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs). While accepting an award for Best Female Video, country music star and teen idol Taylor Swift was interrupted by rapper Kanye West, who declared that Beyoncé, and not Swift, deserved to win the award for her "Single Ladies" video.

I cannot speak one way or another to the validity of that claim due to the fact that I have seen neither Beyoncé's video nor Swift's. In fact, I did not even watch the VMAs. Yet, within moments of this award show debacle Facebook and Twitter lit up with irate posts detailing "what a jerk" Kanye West was and links to videos of the moment.

I don't mean to launch into a diatribe against celebrity gossip, and frankly, considering I have dedicated an editorial to this topic, I am certainly in no position to do so. However, I find myself slightly bemused by the seriousness with which this matter is being treated.

Even in the world of entertainment, a blip during the VMAs is low on the totem pole. Yet just days after West's interruption, he has issued two apologies, appeared on Jay Leno's talk show, and been called a "jackass" by President Obama. I'm just not quite sure at what I'm supposed to be outraged?

Let's start with West. A rap-

per known for being rather hilariously arrogant and tactless ("George Bush doesn't care about black people", anyone?) made a scene during the VMAs. Fact. But was anyone really watching because of the artistic integrity of the event? No, you watch for the ridiculous outfits and the chance that someone will do something stupid and/or crazy. That something came in the form of West this year. If anything, viewers (and MTV) should be sending him grateful baskets of muffins and fruit.

Personally, I'm disappointed in West. If one's career is due in part to borderline psychotic self-obsession, then I say take it all way. I could forgive one slightly hysterical blog apology, especially because it included the lines "She is very talented! I like the lyrics about being a cheerleader and she's in the bleachers!" That was a gem. But to end up crying on Leno's couch and blaming your outburst on the death of your mother? That's just embarrassing. Had West kept right on making a random music video his pet project du jour I might have had some condescending respect for him. At the end of the day, I admire dedication in all forms. As West himself said, "I'm not crazy y'all, I'm just real." Indeed.

I see no action worthy of the vitriol I have seen directed towards West. In fact, while everyone has been so worked up about the interruption of the VMAs (God forbid), two issues

have been largely ignored. First, though Beyoncé graciously pulled Swift on stage to finish her speech, let us not forget that at least one way Beyoncé and West know one another is from their collaboration on a song appropriately titled "Ego". Now *that* video contained the lyrics, "He got a big ego, such a huge ego/ I love his big ego, it's too much". If one chooses to ignore euphemisms and take these words literally (and I do), then outrage and indignation seems a bit absurd on the part of the songstress.

And second, for President Obama to have commented on West's behavior means that not only does our president know what happened at the VMAs, but our president cares about what happened at the VMAs. I'll give Obama the benefit of the doubt because I'm sure an interrupted speech is no laughing matter around the White House these days, but to me presidential attention paid to MTV is more troubling than any hurt feelings Swift might harbor.

So, at the end of the day, I am not left with feelings of outrage, but rather disappointment. Shame on you, Kanye West, for backing down. Shame on you, Beyoncé, for ever accepting writer's credit for those lyrics. Shame on you, President Obama, for caring enough to have an opinion. And perhaps, most of all, shame on me for having written over 700 words on this absurd topic when I haven't finished my English homework.

-R.S.B.

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OPINIONS

The Trinity Tripod

Homophobic Actions Disgraceful, Inexcusable

Alyssa Baylor '12

My first week back at Trinity was punctuated with an act of blatant homophobia that was reported this past Saturday afternoon. The unidentified gay male student who was targeted when he discovered a homophobic slur written on his white board was no stranger to me. In fact he is one of my closest friends and I was with him when he noticed it. I must admit that I am rather conflicted as to how to respond to such an act of intolerance that is especially heinous in my eyes.

On the one hand, it would be easy to write an editorial steaming with harsh words of reproach mixed with a slight tinge of preachy rhetoric about the crime and the consequences of discrimination based on sexual orientation. However I know all too well that such an article would fall short of effectiveness and would be dismissed as being directed toward some other reader who is far more guilty of having homophobic attitudes or behaviors.

But on the other hand, if I ignore the fact that incidents of harassment due to sexism, racism and homophobia occur consistently every year on this

campus, then I have wasted perfectly good column space and could have probably done a better job writing about the horror of Mather dinner.

No, I won't pretend that this incident is some kind of anomaly. I won't excuse Trinity and its "bad apples." Rather I feel compelled to call out to all those who would be tempted to dismiss this incident as being about one gay student or about one slur or about some friend of mine. The issue of homophobia and intolerance on this campus is cultural and viral. It is not the sort of thing President Jones can deliver a speech about or the Committee on Campus Climate can institute a mandate to solve.

The solution starts with us. We as students have to acknowledge that our behaviors and our tendencies as a community are not always inclusive. We see the byproducts of intolerance everyday: laughing at a homophobic joke, using the hurtful phrase "that's so gay" to describe something as stupid, adding the phrase "no homo" at the end a casual statement, calling a

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A Healthy Dose of Skepticism on Global Warming

Andrew "Ponch" Quinn '10

College is the perfect place to question beliefs. There is one topic, however, that is attracting great attention at Trinity, but which students are not being urged to really think critically about. This issue is global warming. By assigning the book *Field Notes from a Catastrophe*, by Elizabeth Kolbert, to incoming freshmen, the school has asked them to think about what they can do to stop global warming, but it has ignored the bigger question—whether we can do anything to stop it at all. So, while I must give credit where it is due for choosing a book on global warming that is not as alarmist and sensationalist as many others, I also feel obligated to provide an opposing viewpoint. I may be derided and dismissed as a global warming "skeptic," as have many others. My question to you, the reader, is: since when is being skeptical a bad quality in higher learning?

Global warming believers accuse those scientists who are "skeptics" of being in the pay of the oil industry. It is true that

this was the case for many of those opposed to the man-made global warming hypothesis in the 1990s. However, two developments have changed this. One, the oil and gas companies, facing more limited reserves of oil and legislation making them harder to access, have made an about-face. They now try to style themselves as "green," and they have cut off funding to skeptics. Two, the evidence against the man-made hypothesis gathered over the last 10 years has proven convincing enough that widely respected scientists are publishing articles in peer-reviewed journals that directly controvert the evidence as it was at the turn of the century, despite the vast disincentives to do so.

Much of this evidence suggests that the rapid increase in temperatures seen over the period from approximately 1970-2000 was the result of natural climate processes, and especially the result of natural variations in

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President Obama Lacking Prior Audacity

Hady Matar '11

I will start this article off by saying this: I am a proud Democrat. I worked on President Obama's campaign during the summer of 2008, and I have always voted the straight party line in elections. However, over the past few months of the Obama Administration, I have grown increasingly skeptical of the willingness of this President, or this Congress, to show the same avariciousness and determination of the Bush Administration in pursuing its agenda.

In 2002, nobody was thinking about invading Iraq: they hadn't attacked us on 9/11, and

there was empirical proof that they were not a threat to our national security. Yet, George Bush and his cohorts, with a little bit of discipline and coordination, were able to relentlessly push this nation towards war, and, eventually convinced 70 percent of the American people that we *must* invade Iraq.

Compare this to President Obama's handling of the Recovery Act. He had just been handed a nation in crisis, the economy on the brink of depression, all due to the misplaced priorities and criminal actions of the previous administration and its political party. Instead of

ramming down the throats of Congress the strongest possible bill, the President believed that we should now 'compromise' with Republicans. As a result, we passed a bill that was much smaller in size and scope than many prominent economists said was necessary. About 35 percent of the Recovery Act was tax cuts which sought to lure over Republican votes, even though most legitimate economists agree that tax cuts are much less stimulating for the economy than direct federal expenditures in infrastructure

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Dear Homophobe: You Are Horrendously Stupid

John Downes-Angus '11

At approximately 5:30 p.m. this afternoon, a student at the College reported an incident of discriminatory harassment to the College. The student, who identifies as a gay male, discovered homophobic language and sexually explicit drawings on his dry eraser board which was attached to his door.

I. Meeting Our Idiot

How do we begin a discussion about this? Do we say, "Ah, so typical at Trin"? Do we say, "God I cannot believe they did that!"? Do we say, "They were probably drunk"? These are all starting points I've heard around campus, but I'd like to suggest something simpler:

Whoever smeared this student's "dry eraser board" with "homophobic language and

sexually explicit drawings" is a moron. Stupid. A pea brain. A weak-minded loser (or, worse, collection of losers) with a propensity to succumb to embarrassingly adolescent impulses. The culprit(s) don't deserve an ounce of respect. Actually, forget the word "culprit"; let's just refer to whoever did this as "Our Idiot." (Let's just assume that it was one person, so I can stop parenthetically pluralizing Our Idiot.)

Our Idiot is obviously more than stupid. Our Idiot is also hateful, creepy, violent. It's possible that Our Idiot is extremely lonely. It is my hope that Our Idiot is extremely lonely. Our Idiot may also be a blossoming alcoholic.

However, this article is concerned with Our Idiot's stupidity. It turns out this stupid-

ity has two orders—one that is worth laughing at and one that is scary enough to give a reasonable person nightmares.

II. The laughable stupidity: Our Idiot thinks Our Idiot is a comedian.

I assume that, while sketching out Our Idiot's interpretation of homosexuality, Our Idiot was laughing. This means (if I am right about Our Idiot laughing) that Our Idiot finds this kind of stuff funny. I can see Our Idiot scribbling away on this poor kid's white board, driven by the urge to get some laughs. Our Idiot's comedy is kind of like what MAD TV would be if a member of the KKK wrote the dialogue.

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A Look at the 'Radical Center'

Zach Sonenshine '11

Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) often sardonically refers to himself as a radical centrist. While he is not the first to employ this term, Warner is certainly one of few to stand by moderation and pragmatism over idealism and its close cousin, partisanship. He has staked out the ground that matters most: the middle. Brewing for the past year, marked initially by the economic collapse, began a series of events and circumstances that cultivated a unique breeding ground for partisanship in a time that calls for bipartisanship, pragmatism and compromise.

The President understands the role of compromise too, and notwithstanding his Republican critics, who would paint Obama as a leftist. The President may become the executive of the Radical Center. The healthcare debate is certainly emblematic of this phenomenon, and I would assert that it will be hugely determinative in the 2010 midterm elections. As New

York Times Columnist Frank Rich wrote in an Op-Ed on Sunday, Obama appears to have squandered the summer months, allowing the partisan debate to rage before stepping in to quell the flames. Rich argues Obama could have played his moderating role earlier on, but arguably Obama understands that a great compromiser's hand may best be played when battle fatigue has set in.

President Obama deferred to Congress to lead on healthcare reform, an idea that seemed appealing at the time. In his first term, President Clinton led the effort and drafted legislation from the White House. This resulted in an impractical bill that could not pass through Congress.

This summer, Obama embarked upon the ambitious path to reform our broken healthcare system. Learning from Clinton's mistakes, Obama saw that legislation should be derived from the legislative body, Congress. The result: a summer of partisan

disputes that produced a number of different bills, options and an array of new and confusing vocabulary.

Last week, Obama gave yet another "make-or-break" speech—a term that the press seems to attach to just about all of his speeches—in an attempt to clarify a summer of debate and confusion. In what is becoming a trend, Obama seemed to be the only calm person in a room filled with hysteria, on both sides of the aisle. Obama, historically and presently, likes to be the Great Compromiser. His pragmatism and foresight are impressive, but perhaps not enough. His deference to Congress has hurt his own ratings and it is unclear whether or not he can strike a deal to salvage his ratings before the midterm elections.

If we are not already there, we are rapidly approaching the point of inflection where something must happen. Obama has a gift and a talent. Time

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Call to Challenge Homophobia

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buddy a faggot as an insult to his manhood ...

The list could go on and in all honesty, it does so infinitely. Everyone has witnessed in some form or another a homophobic behavior. It doesn't matter whether or not you personally are guilty of it, and it takes bravery and honesty to admit when you are.

My goal is not to admonish the student body or to preach from a somewhat exhausted soapbox. Rather, my challenge is to make you understand that this is a topic worth discussing. It is an issue worth beating to death and allowing to simmer in the sun where everyone can see and not ignore it. Put simply by one of my peers, Charley Wedeen '12, "how do we care when people are tired of caring?"

The first step is acknowledging the problem. Homophobia is alive and well at Trinity and this incident is evidence of it. The second step is realizing that this is not a problem for the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender) community but for every Trinity student who wants this to be a place where every kind of student is accepted.

The unidentified gay male student, my friend who is stronger and more sure of himself than ever said to me, "Nothing but good can come from this [incident]." And I hope for everyone's sake that he is right.

Questioning the Widely Accepted Global Warming Dogma

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the sun's output. The 1990s, during which the global warming movement picked up momentum, was a period of unusually high solar activity. Many dubious models were put forth that projected fantastic increases in global temperature based on the rapid warming of the 1990s, models like that of the infamous "hockey stick" graph, displayed in *An Inconvenient Truth* and now utterly discredited.

However, the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), while admitting the obvious, like the Earth not having warmed since 1998, continue to ostracize any who question their ultimate judgment, that man is warming the earth. Their computer modeling has been proven highly flawed by evidence, and yet they continue to insist that for a scientist to question it is for them to be relegated to quackery. The IPCC and the climatologist profession in general is now compromised by an addiction to the attention and funding this issue brings; just as damning an indictment as oil industry funding of skeptics was.

Yes, the majority of evidence still supports the greenhouse gas global warming hypothesis. But that does not mean we should dismiss alternative data and hypotheses out of hand. Furthermore, it is now becoming apparent that the predominance of the man-made global warming viewpoint in the scientific literature is not because of the predominance of evidence, but because of a pervasive selection bias that has

until very recently excluded all alternative viewpoints, and now merely excludes most.

As a former dues-paying member of the Sierra Club, I am confronted with the possibility that I am wrong, that man really is the primary cause of global warming. However, I still feel justified in writing this article for several reasons. One, the fad of global warming is distracting us from issues that are more important to the biosphere and the human race, especially soil and fresh water depletion, issues which are unfortunately more mundane and less marketable. Two, even if I am wrong and man is the cause of global warming, the costs of correcting this are so astronomically high as to be impractical. Any serious effort is not only likely to fail, as have the Kyoto Protocol targets in several nations already, including Canada, but are also likely to have a dramatic negative impact on the economy and on everyday life. Three, and most essential to this article, is that the dogma of global warming is becoming dangerous to the model of the scientific method and rationalism—in short, the man-made global warming movement is moving away from being based on science and is now becoming like a religion.

I share this opinion with several prominent scientists, including one IPCC member-turned-apostate, Dr. Kiminori Itoh, who stated that man-made global warming is "the

worst scientific scandal in history ... When people come to know what the truth is, they will feel deceived by science and scientists," and Nobel Prize winner Ivar Giaever who said flat out, "Global warming has become a new religion."

Already, the movement is couched in religious terms, as those who support the man-made hypothesis are titled "believers," those who do not are deemed "skeptics." The fact that global warming believers accept these terms so willingly should set off an alarm bell. Every human generation has the tendency to think that it is special, that the world may come to an end in its lifetime.

Indeed, we need only look to our cousins across the pond in the U.K. to see where we may be in only a few years if we continue to accept global warming dogma unquestioningly, and it is an unpalatable sight.

This past week *The Times* reported that in order to meet carbon dioxide reduction limits the UK will have to raise taxes on flights to "eventually reach a level that would put people off flying." The Government committee on climate justified this recommended level of taxation by stating that "increase in global temperatures is inevitable and that developed countries must pay for the consequences." This statement reflects more a sense of atonement for sins than practical action to curb climate change. This kind of thinking is much more akin to that based on faith than on reasoning. This is also the kind of thinking that led to the blind passage of the cap-and-trade scheme earlier

this year by Congress, despite its massive cost during a dramatic recession.

Also reported last week in the UK was the first successful wrongful termination suit brought on the basis of belief in global warming being akin to faith. *The Guardian* reported that the plaintiff charged that he was terminated because of his strong opinions on reducing carbon output, and that the "employment tribunal decided that [the plaintiff] had views amounting to a 'philosophical belief in climate change.'" Just as with religion, a personal belief in something usually does no harm, it is only when we seek to impose our viewpoint and reject the perspectives of others that harm can arise. The precedent this decision sets means that those who disagree with the global warming "consensus" can be held legally liable for failing to toe the line, in the U.K. at least.

Every human generation has a tendency to think that it is special, that the world may come to an end in its lifetimes. But both carbon dioxide and temperature levels are far from the highest they have ever been—the Roman Empire experienced higher average temperatures, for example. We must stop and ask ourselves whether the rush to reduce carbon dioxide output is based on reality or the psychological needs of the human brain for grand mythology, and whether the costs to scientific credibility and the jobs and welfare are worth it.

TrinCalls:

This week we asked students: What non-academic activity would you most like to participate in with President Jones?

"Shoot fish in international waters with the cannons from the U.S.S. Hartford."

—Tom Weir '11

"Pound Natties."

— Paul McBride '10

"I would take him to the Tilt-A-Whirl drag show at Tilt Nightclub in Rochester, New York. Jimmy Jones, drag queens...what more could you ask for? What better reasons could you think of to vote Democrat?"

—Sam Newman '10

"Skydiving, sea kayaking, etc..."

—Nate Maggiotto '10

"Walk his Irish Setters."

— Sam Sinche '10

"Munch on a foot-long Frankfurter on a soft, comfy couch."

— Leo Liyeung '13

"Conspire about reforming Connecticut's outdated liquor laws."

— Jamie Gilland '11

"Read various books and discuss our feelings."

— Griffin Keady '10

"A kegstand."

— Rich Maller '11

"I'd like to fence him."

— Rachel Riendeau '12

"Sit and make fun of T.V. reverends."

—Krystal Ramirez '10

"I'd like to make sushi with him."

— Isabella Glaser '10

"Co-found the Trinity College Crocheting Club."

— William Cleary '10

Immaturity, Idiocy Mark 'Our Idiot'

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This is why—if you have the intelligence expected of an adult—you should laugh at (not with) Our Idiot's comedic abilities. Let Our Idiot frantically crave our attention while we laugh at Our Idiot's sad slide into emptiness.

III. The confusing and terrifying stupidity: Our Idiot does not know how to be a decent human being.

Our Idiot is too stupid to understand some very fundamental elements of human relationships. Yes, Our Idiot is frustratingly hateful, but on a certain level this hatefulness is a consequence of a kind of human stupidity that's difficult to even begin to understand.

Our Idiot seems to lack the

cognitive capacity to seriously think about the consequences of what we say to other people. When we use language to communicate with people we do two things. First, by allowing others access to our thoughts, opinions, and feelings, we present ourselves "as we really are." That is, we offer people one of the only points of reference for their development of their version of our identity. Our Idiot decided to use language to communicate hatred. This is about as intelligent as walking into a crowded room and announcing, "I'm an asshole!" That Our Idiot was stupid enough to do this is not funny—it's as scary and confusing as hell.

The second thing we do when we communicate with others is administer an emotional effect from the listener.

Our Idiot does not hesitate to use language in a way that really can hurt people, because Our Idiot is too stupid to care. All of us know that "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me" is wrong. Our Idiot used language to directly mock a person's sexuality. By extension, Our Idiot willfully attempted to make another human being suffer. Our Idiot is not funny. Our Idiot is psychotic.

IV. Conclusion: It's time we stop treating Our Idiot like anything but a waste of space. Our Idiot is too stupid to be tolerated. If you think I have said anything new or profound in this article, you may also be stupid.

We should all feel ashamed of Ourselves. I know I do.

Time for Obama to Push Through Reform

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or severely underfunded federal programs. Even by attempting to appease the Republicans with these tax cuts, we got NO additional Republican votes that we would not have already gotten. (Olympia Snowe (R-ME), Susan Collins (R-ME), and Arien Specter (R-PA), the last of a dying breed of northeastern Republicans, were scared for their lives, and would have voted for anything.) Lastly, instead of forcing the Republicans to actually filibuster the bill, instead of allowing the American people to see who was day in, day out, preventing our economic recovery, the spineless Harry Reid (D-VA) simply allowed the Republican threat of filibuster serve as a de facto necessity to garner 60 votes.

Consider how George Bush passed the Medicare Part D program, a massive medicare enti-

tlement bill that was a giveaway to the drug companies: they drafted the bill in secret, skipped all the committees, lied about the price tags and then wrung the arms of individual congressmen until they just barely got the bill passed. There was no time for debate, no room for compromise. They got what they wanted, and weren't willing to take no for an answer.

Compare this with President Obama's handling of healthcare. Instead of ramming down the most liberal, most cost reducing bill down the throats of huge Democratic majorities in both Houses, he's given Congress the job of drafting the bill. He allowed three Republican senators from Maine, Wyoming, and Iowa to hijack the process. He's caved in on Republican attacks on the price tag of reform. His mishandling, his ambiguity, his reluctance to use fear and coercion, has given so-called 'moderate'

(read: corporate) Democrats the political cover necessary to criticize the bill.

Now, we may get a healthcare bill passed, but it is going to be a severely watered down version of the true reform this country needs. It will be littered with giveaways to the drug companies and other corporate lobbying groups who profit from the continued paradigm that view healthcare as a commodity.

But healthcare is only one aspect of the President's agenda, and while he may have lost this one, there are many more. So, I say this now to the President: it's time to dig your heels in on financial reform, on cap-and-trade, on Israel-Palestine, on the military budget, and not relent. The President should not be fearful of using the same tactics Republicans have used and continue to use: if he is, than he's fighting on an uneven playing field, and will inevitably lose.

More Turnover Needed in United States Senate

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The passing of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) over the summer raised many questions in the minds of his constituents and the rest of the country. These questions ranged from succession to what this means for the future of healthcare reform. As a Massachusetts resident (but Connecticut voter) what struck me most was that he was a senator for so many generations of Massachusetts' voters. Forget that he had been a senator for my entire lifetime: my parents were only three years old when he was first elected. Those things, which I will raise as issues in this article, have nothing to do with Kennedy's politics, or even the infamous Chappaquiddick incident, which tarnished his presidential hopes (though I could easily go on and on about those).

What constantly worried me about Kennedy, and other senators who have been in the Senate for decades, is simply that: the length of their tenure. Obviously their terms are constitutional, and to say that these long-serving Senators have not carried out their work faithfully and zealously would be an understatement. A system that allows the same person to be in office for so long just somehow seems undemocratic, despite the mandate of reelection every six years. Does any start-up politician have a legitimate shot at taking down an incumbent who has had 10, 20, 30, or 40 years of currying vot-

ers' favor and being a household name? No.

At the same time, term limits would likely limit the amount of success a particular member of Congress could have. Most historians seem to agree that Kennedy didn't become a master legislator until over twenty years after he was first elected to office. If term limits were implemented, would they allow enough time for legislators to fully understand how the Capitol works, and how to get things accomplished most effectively? Where a president is limited in terms of time, he has much greater direct power than a single senator could ever have. Perhaps, then, the power is balanced by allowing such lengths of office in Congress?

[...] What I am angry about is not the length of time, but the fact that it was okay for a man who was physically incapable of holding any job was able to hold a senate seat.

And then we come to the buzzword of the last presidential election, change. Change for the sake of change is not useful, and certainly simply because someone has been in office for a while does not make much sense.

However, does having the same person in office for a long time limit the amount of change that can occur? It appears to be a potentially double-edged sword, if this is true. With someone in office for a certain amount of time, is it likely that the style and beliefs will translate to new generations? But, what if that amount of time is what is necessary for the politician to become a successful legislator?

I don't really believe that term limits would be good for the Congress. I did believe this, though, while Kennedy was battling brain cancer. At the end of his life, he was incapable of fulfilling his Senatorial obligations, and of course no one would call him out for this, nor should they, because 1) he had cancer, and 2) he was a Kennedy. What bothered me (which was perhaps inappropriate) was that he was holding the title without doing any work, and as a result of this the people of Massachusetts had only half of the amount of representation in the Senate that they are entitled to. Additionally, because he held the seat until his death, Massachusetts will have to wait even longer for a new Senator. And as a result of this, there is one fewer Democrat in the Senate.

I suppose that what I am angry about is not the length of time, but the fact that it was okay for a man who was physically incapable of holding any job was able to hold a senate seat. Don't even get me started about the rumored family infighting as to who will take over his seat. Familial succession should not be part of any democracy.

Obama Stakes Out Middle

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after time, he captures the sense of urgency in his speeches, always rising above the fray. Still, these speeches only mitigate the issue. They are not the solution and Obama is certainly cognizant of this.

In my mind, the point of inflection is within eyeshot. It is the point where substantive policy action must be taken

What the public needs is a real bill—and the question is whether the Administration, working in back rooms with House and Senate leadership, can deliver.

Sitting on a bill that has yet to make it out of committee would be unacceptable. And trying to smooth out partisan debates or build yet another political coalition may seem daunting. What the public needs is a real bill – and the question is whether the Administration, working in back rooms with House and Senate leadership, can deliver.

er. What hangs in the balance is the midterm election, whether the President's enormous popularity will be reinstated, and of course whether the 46 million American who lack health insurance will begin to find better protections in this most essential modern day necessity.

It seems as though the Administration, by their own volition, is inching towards a more moderate initiative. It under-

stands that the compromise is in the middle and that it must be achieved without alienating or fragmenting the party. In many ways, a win for the administration would be a more moderate bill that can set the tone for future reforms. What remains to be seen is whether the President has miscalculated his margin for error.

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Sophomore Success Program Offers Strategies, Tips for Future

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Over 50 Trinity College students attended the Office of Career Services' Bantam Sophomore Success Program (BSSP), an intensive, three-day program designed to help sophomores as they begin planning for their future.

The program ran from Sept. 2 to Sept. 5, with students staying off campus at the Residence Inn. Meals were provided to attendees by both the Residence Inn and City Steam Brewery; like the program, meals were also free of charge. By holding the program outside of Trinity, before the semester officially began, attendees could focus their attention exclusively on the BSSP.

"One of the greatest parts of this program was that without classes and outside distractions we were able to reach so many students we wouldn't have reached before," said Assistant Director of Alumni Career Services Megan Hambrick '01.

Students who attended the BSSP were offered hours of workshops and lectures in which they learned strategies for planning out their futures in the upcoming years. A group of about seven alumni and staff members organized programs about building

résumés, finding internships, and other beneficial information.

Students also received binders which contained materials regarding subjects such as online resources, etiquette and ethics, and interviews.

"The commitment these students made, to give up three days of their vacation, really spoke to us," said Director of Career Services Lanna Hagge, "we tried to make the program as vigorous and intensive as possible, and pack it with resources and opportunities, in order to effectively give back our end of the bargain."

A favorite of students who attended the program was a presentation by Managing Director and Head of Institutional Services at Wolfe Research, Peter Ryan '84. Ryan's workshop "Where Are You Headed?" was considered "an eye opener" by students, and was premised on students' learning to interpret the environment around them and evaluate their own career paths.

Another core presentation, considered the "heart of the program" by Career Services, was "Building Your Brand", a workshop organized by Founder and Principal Partner of skye|PR, Lyn Chamberlin.



Courtesy of Trinity Career Services

Peter Ryan delivers his presentation "Where Are You Headed?" to students at Trinity's Bantam Sophomore Success Program.

Focused on building a resume and constructing a cover letter, "Building Your Brand" was a huge success with students. According to evaluations filled out after the BSSP finished, 92 percent of students felt that the presentation should be incorporated into the program again in the future.

Evaluations also showed 75 percent of attendees planned on continuing to graduate school. Students also unanimously replied that overall they found the program to be a success, and would recommend it to friends

and peers.

A second BSSP will be held in January, at the end of winter break; unlike the summer BSSP, the second program will be held on campus.

Career Services is now in the process of putting together a small sophomore advisory group of students who attended the BSSP, to serve as a sounding board for ideas for future programs.

"The most important part of this was all that we have learned and all that we will learn from the students through the workshops and additional

contact," said Hagge, "with all of this information we now know how to improve the program, what internships we should cultivate, and how to do a more complete job of advising in general."

The hope of Career Services is that by January 100 students will have registered for the BSSP, a goal that seems within reach considering that 51 have already expressed great interest.

"Theoretically, we would like to have every sophomore eventually go through this," said Hambrick.

Tripod Archives Now Available Online

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This summer, Trinity College completed a year-long undertaking: digitizing *The Trinity Tripod's* archives. The archives, which were previously contained as copies of *Tripod* back issues stored in the College Library or as plain text on the *Tripod's* Web site (www.trinitytripod.com), are now available on the Library's Web site in .pdf format, accessible to all students, faculty and staff.

The online archive contains a search function, allowing users to input keywords to find particular articles, and issues can be viewed by year (1960-2008) as well. Trinity is the second college in Connecticut to digitize its newspaper archives, Yale University being the first this past May.

This manner of archiving the *Tripod* is convenient for a number of reasons. The search engine eliminates the need to randomly click about on the *Tripod* Web site or sift through back issues in hopes of happening upon your preferred topic or article. The .pdf representations also show the

stylistic evolution of the newspaper, letting readers see firsthand how the layout has changed over the last 48 years.

However, these are not the only changes the new archives will preserve. Being able to search for certain terms – "campus safety," perhaps, or "president" – will allow users to see how Trinity College has evolved over the years and how students have dealt with campus challenges, such as the fight for coeducation or the cry for better campus security. Some of the most compelling events in our nation's history occurred between the years of 1960 and 2008, and the archives will make it easier for users to see how students responded to events like President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, the Watergate scandal in 1972, or the 1986 Challenger explosion.

"You can trace certain threads of debate that have happened on campus, and find insight on how the campus reacted to various world events," said Trinity Music and Performing Arts Librarian Amy Harrell.

While this new system will

clearly prove useful to current *Tripod* staff members, students who are currently facing issues others have in the past – lobbying for changes in campus food options, for example – can use the *Tripod* archives as a resource to see what worked or did not in protesting for change.

The project, which took a year's worth of planning and work, involved scanning the pages of every *Tripod* issue at Innovative Document Imaging (IDI) in East Brunswick, NJ. College Archivist and Special Collection Librarian, Peter Knapp '65, supervised and conducted quality control inspections, and Catalog Librarian Lynn Fahy uploaded the files to the Library's publicly-accessible image database.

The issues from 1960 to 2008 were chosen due to their frequency of use and concerns about the deterioration of newsprint. Should the *Tripod* archives become a well-used resource, the Library will consider archiving other College publications in a similar manner.

The archives can be accessed at <http://library.trinity.edu/tripod.htm>.

Reported Hate Incident Sparks Outrage

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where the incident occurred."

In a second campus-wide e-mail issued Monday afternoon by Trinity President James F. Jones, Jr., the seriousness of the incident was again highlighted. Jones noted, "an act like this of intolerance and bigotry violates our shared values as a college community, values that include personal respect, civility, and inclusiveness. We expect better of ourselves and deserve better for one another. I know that the vast majority of our community feels the same revulsion and disappointment I experience with such acts." Jones also offered a list of resources for those wishing to talk further about this incident and other related issues.

These resources include The Dean of Students Office, Campus Climate Council, Women and Gender Resource Action Center, Dean of Multicultural Affairs, and the Queer Resource Center.

This incident of homophobia is reminiscent of last fall's

scandal again involving homophobic messages, sexually explicit drawings, and a student's white board. That incident occurred Nov. 14, 2008 in Little Dormitory.

Last year's incident was met with more publicity after a fall semester riddled with talks of racism and scandal, most specifically the situation involving racial slurs and the Trintalk Anonymous Confession Board. Responding to such issues, the College held a "town meeting" type assembly for people to come and express their feelings.

In his e-mail, Jones recalled the events of last year, hoping Trinity will learn from its past. "I urge that we make special efforts to come together to support each other in acceptance, generosity, kindness and tolerance for difference," said Jones.

At this time, the victim has refused police involvement; however, an active investigation by the College is currently underway. Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact the Campus Safety Office immediately.

Intercollegiate Update

Yale University <p>A body found this past Sunday in the walls of a Yale University science lab is believed to be that of missing 24-year-old graduate student, Annie Le. After being reported missing last Tuesday, a search of the campus by Connecticut police led to the discovery. Authorities stress the murder was not a random act.</p>	Bard College at Simon's Rock <p>After years of complaints from students and faculty at Bard College at Simon's Rock, Chartwells Food Services has replaced Sodexho Food Services as primary food provider for the college. The change brings new vegetarian options for students and offers higher quality food.</p>
University of Rhode Island <p>Following an alcohol-related sexual assault on the University of Rhode Island campus last fall, two of the three alleged perpetrators were indicted by a grand jury. Yaw Peprah, junior, and Estifanos Gizaw, sophomore, were charged with first-degree sexual assault and released on \$25,000 bail.</p>	University of Connecticut <p>For the 11th consecutive year, the University of Connecticut was ranked the best public university in New England by the US News and World Report. Likewise, the report named the University the 26th best public university in the nation and the 66th best university overall.</p>
Roger Williams University <p>The Rhode Island Department of Health issued a boil water advisory on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 8. This came about after the Bristol County Water Authority announced the presence of E. coli bacteria in the public water supply. Roger Williams University, in the middle of the affected area, has responded by purchasing bottled water and issuing warnings.</p>	Boston University <p>Boston University graduate student, Joel Tenenbaum, 25, has been ordered to pay \$675,000 by a jury after "willfully infringing on the copyrights" of 30 songs. Tenenbaum noted his "disappointment" in the music industry's arduous pursuit of those who illegally download music from the internet.</p>

News In Brief

Patrick Swayze Dead at 57

Famed Hollywood actor and star of classic films such as *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost*, Patrick Swayze succumbed to pancreatic cancer Monday night at the age of 57. He "passed away peacefully...with family at his side after facing the challenges of his illness over the past 20 months," according to a statement released by Swayze's publicist. Diagnosed in March 2008, he continued working despite the cancer.

Britons Jailed in Terror Plot

Three British citizens with family ties in Pakistan were sentenced to life in prison for a plot similar in scale to the events of September 11, 2001. Abdulla Ahmed Ali, 28, Assad Sarwar, 29, and Tanvir Hussain, 31, conspired to smuggle and detonate liquid explosives aboard seven aircrafts destined for cities in Canada and the United States. The plot was foiled, and mastermind Rashid Rauf remains at large.

Ancient Synagogue Discovered

At what was slated to be a new hotel development in Northern Israel, archaeologists unearthed the remains of a synagogue dating back 2000 years to 50 BC. In addition to engraved stones, preserved wall frescoes were discovered. Jose Miguel Abat, owner of the company planning on building on the site, now hopes to create a multicultural center at the location.

Hartford Mayor Arrested

Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez was arrested in connection with a state corruption probe at City Hall. Charged with attempted larceny by extortion, this arrest marks the second time this year Perez has faced legal questioning. Declaring his innocence, he remains in office awaiting a trial slated to begin in February of 2010. Jury selection is scheduled to begin next week.

Bin Laden Addresses Obama

Marking the anniversary of September 11, Osama Bin Laden released a tape of himself, addressing his complaints about the Obama Administration. Bin Laden criticizes the administration, claiming Obama "promotes the previous policies of fear to market the interest of big companies." Promising subsequent attacks, Bin Laden remains a threat.

Leukemia Treatment Praised

After developing a life-saving leukemia treatment, five scientists are slated to receive \$250,000 in accolades by the Lasker Foundation, which praises scientists for significant breakthroughs. Brian Druker, 54, Nicholas B. Lydon, 42, Charles L. Sawyers, 50, John Gurdon, 76, and Shinya Yamanaka, 47, will accept their awards October 2.

New Chartwells Meal Plans Elicit Complaints from Students

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Starting this year, Trinity College's food distributor, Chartwells, has updated the meal plans and options for students. First-years, Sophomores, and Juniors who live on campus are now able to choose from Mather Traditional, Platinum Plan, Gold Plan, or Silver Plan. Seniors, commuters, and students who live in a cooking unit or belong to St. Anthony Hall, Alpha Delta Phi, or Psi Upsilon have the additional option of purchasing the Bronze Plan or 50 Block for significantly less money.

The Mather Traditional Plan, which costs \$1850 per semester, provides 19 meals every week in Mather Hall only and an additional \$50 in Chartwells Dollars. The Platinum Plan is the most expensive dining option at \$2500 per semester. It entitles students to 21 meals every week at Mather Hall, the Cave, and the Bistro. The Platinum also comes with \$200 extra Chartwells Dollars. The Gold Plan, at \$2300, offers 19 meals every week at all three locations and \$100 in Chartwells Dollars, while the Silver Plan, at \$2150, offers 16 meals every week at all three locations plus \$250 Chartwells Dollars.

The Bronze Plan and 50 Block are considered Optional

Meal Plans, as they cost less and include fewer meals. The Bronze Plan, which costs \$1605, entitles participating students to 12 meals per week in all three of the dining options and \$150 in Chartwells Dollars. The 50 Block plan is 50 meals per semester and \$500 in Chartwells Dollars.

Additionally, Chartwells is now offering three different types of coffee on campus. With the Bistro selling Starbucks, the Cave selling Seattle's Best Coffee, and Mather selling Pura Vida Coffee, now students have more options for caffeinated beverages. Hoping to increase philanthropy and popularity amongst students, Chartwells will donate \$0.25 for every pound of coffee purchased to the Pura Vida Create Good Fund, an organization designed to help sustain "the health and education of farmers and their communities."

Likewise, Chartwells is now offering new vegetarian options on campus. At the Bistro, Monday through Thursday, Chartwells' "Grills and Greens" will be offering vegetarian burgers and healthful pre-made salads. Chartwells hopes this will ease student criticisms about lack of option and quality.

Following a number of student requests and complaints last year, Chartwells has also afforded students more flexibility in when and how they use



Courtesy of Emily Gittleman '11

Chartwells continues to strive for improvements while offering students more healthy options and new meal plans.

their allotment of meals. Before, students had three meals to use per day, which did not carry over, meaning if a meal was missed, it was wasted. Now meals are re-set on a weekly basis, starting over on Thursdays at midnight. The 50 Block plan is the exception to the rule and lets students use their 50 meals at any time. Meals can also be exchanged for a cash allowance to be used for products in the Cave or Bistro. From opening to 11 a.m. the exchange rate is \$5, and from 11

a.m. to closing it is \$5.75. Now, students can also treat guests in dining halls by using two meals at once.

While most students approve of the changes made to Chartwells, some are dismayed because they believe they are not enough. "I just thought there were going to be more changes. It seems to pretty much be the same," said Kai Paine '11. "However, I'm glad there's been a lift on the three meal rule, because it allows you to waste far fewer meals."

Anne Gimbel '11 agrees that the lift of three meal rule was an improvement, but remains unimpressed with Chartwells overall. "I think an independent contractor employed by the school should have the students' best interest at heart. Clearly, the only thing they care about is the bottom line. They've raised prices but the quality of the food remains poor. Frankly, I think it's irresponsible of the school to keep using Chartwells when it's clear they don't have our best interest at heart."

New Home Page Brings Organization

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Trinity students looking to simplify their internet use now have the option of using CampusLive.com, a one-stop Web site with links to widely used college resources. Trinity College has become one of 87 schools with a personalized CampusLIVE homepage, which can be accessed by going to www.campusLIVE.com/Trinity.

The site includes links to commonly used Trinity Web sites, such as Trinity Webmail and Blackboard, as well as links to Hartford weather, restaurants, entertainment and news. There are also customizable links to popular sites such as Facebook, YouTube, and Pandora.

Ryan Durkin, Chief Strategic Officer (CSO) at CampusLIVE, thinks that students at Trinity will enjoy the convenience and flexibility of the site. The site is designed to act as an all-inclusive homepage for on-the-go college students.

"The best part about CampusLIVE is that everything can be customized," Durkin said. "Tools can be moved around on the page. News, links, and theme backgrounds can be switched back and forth. It allows a student to

customize their university to fit them and their needs. And it's a lot of fun."

The simplicity of the Web site is what differentiates it from comparable sites, such as the Daily Jolt, a homepage for Amherst College students, designed to help organize relevant Amherst Web sites. Focused on being a homepage, each CampusLIVE page is limited so everything a student needs is accessible, without the student having to "scroll and scroll and scroll to get the information they want," Durkin said.

Trinity is one of 20 schools in the most recent batch of CampusLIVE colleges, making a total of 87 schools launched since the site was founded in 2007 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Made up of young, motivated alumni, the CampusLIVE team, said Durkin, "is constantly working to make the product better and better, and connect with more and more colleges and universities."

While there is a strong focus on New England schools, CampusLIVE has been launched at colleges across the nation. "We look for fun students who are outgoing and actively like to interact with fellow students," said

Durkin. "We look for colleges with a strong sense of community, as well as excitement."

Other Connecticut schools with CampusLIVE homepages include the University of Hartford and Quinnipiac University, and fellow NESCAC schools include Amherst College and Tufts University. The next CampusLIVE release is planned for December.

So far, the Web site has been successful in its path toward becoming "The College Homepage."

The CampusLIVE team has recently been recognized in BusinessWeek as number three on the list of 2008's Best Entrepreneurs 25 and Under. They have also been honored by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and the Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

"We want to be the first thing you as a student see when opening your Internet browser," said Durkin. "We want to be that helpful. That important in a college student's daily life."

Student feedback is encouraged to improve the Web site. Trinity students can e-mail CampusLIVE at feedback@campuslive.com, and the team would be happy to "make new additions to the site, and make it even more perfect for students," said Durkin.

H1N1 Virus Sparks Preventive Action

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the public at that point. Governor M. Jodi Rell convened a summit on the virus on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Connecticut Convention Center to update officials from Connecticut towns on the plans the State as put in place for a potential outbreak.

When the vaccine becomes available, the first to be served will be, according to the state Web site, "pregnant women, young children, caregivers of children under the age of six months, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact and children and teens with chronic medical conditions." When the demand for those groups has lessened, the vaccine will be available for people older than 65 years. After that, it is expected to be available to college students.

"Our plan will ensure that available supplies of the H1N1 vaccine go to those at greatest risk first and in a timely fashion," Rell said. "Common sense prevention, education and vaccination are essential tools in helping us combat outbreaks of the swine flu in schools, in the workplace and at home."

Should a member of the Trinity community become ill

with symptoms indicative of the virus, the school will "require social isolation until that individual has been without the symptoms identified in the CDC guidelines for at least 24 hours," explained Rell. Students who live close enough to Trinity will be asked to go home, and those who live too far will be placed in isolation on campus.

"We have also made plans for limiting large social events, athletic contests, or other public activities if conditions warrant," Alford wrote. "These decisions will be informed by updates coming out of the CDC and will be made in accordance with the circumstances as we know them at the time."

According to the state of Connecticut, 1985 residents have tested positive for the H1N1 virus. Of those, 50.88 percent are female, 47.25 percent are male, and 1.86 percent are of an unknown gender. The youngest resident is one year of age, and the oldest is 93 years old. The median age is 14 years old. 139 of these patients have been hospitalized. There have been 367 cases in Hartford County and two deaths. All H1N1-related deaths in Connecticut were people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Princeton Review Highlights Trinity's Negatives and Positives

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Alford stated he has "never fully understood the science behind" the rankings and had trouble witnessing unhappiness amongst the student body, when he noted the number of students who "give so much of themselves to lift this College through their efforts in the classrooms and labs, on the teams that compete with our rivals, and in the clubs and organizations that provide social outlets or keep the community informed. It may be that most students are too busy to take note of how happy they are, but I suspect the Happy Meter was out of calibration on the day the Princeton Review came to Trinity."

When asked about the science behind their findings, Princeton Review publicist and representative, Jeanne Krier defended the rankings. She stated the findings are based solely on student input, Krier explains, "these lists are based on how students at the 371 schools in the book rated their own colleges on various topics and what they reported about their campus experiences at them to The Princeton Review on our 122,000 student survey for the book."

"Each of our 371 'best' colleges offers great academics," said Robert Franek, author of the book and V.P. / Publisher, The Princeton Review. "However, we don't rank schools academically because our goal is to help students find and get into the best school for them. Instead, we tally 62 ranking lists based how students at these schools rated their campus experiences."

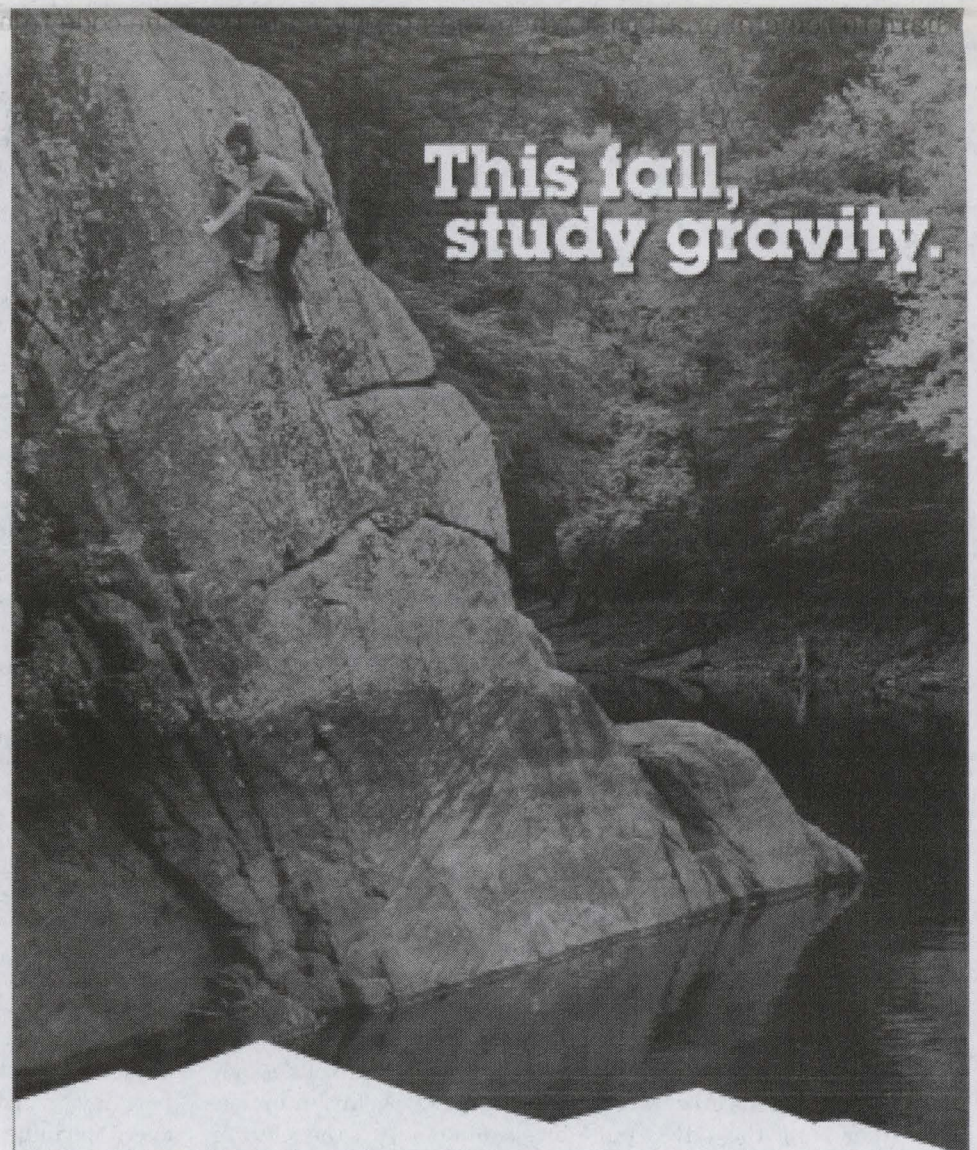
Krier also stressed the science behind student survey submissions, "students answer by marking one of five choices on a grid. Headers vary by question and

reflect ranges such as 'Excellent' to 'Awful' or '0-20%' to '81-100%.' Ninety-nine percent of the 122,000 surveys for the rankings in Best 371 Colleges were done online."

Despite questions of validity and vast disagreements between Trinity College and the Princeton Review, Trinity was not entirely highlighted negatively. Ranking number nine in "Most Popular Study Abroad Program," Trinity's extensive academic opportunities were credited. Because Trinity's Study Abroad program is open to all majors, over 50 percent of the student body studies abroad at some point in their college career. Offering students more than 80 international study away programs in over 40 countries, Trinity's impressive program beat other NESCAC schools such as Amherst, Williams, and Wesleyan.

Surprisingly, the rankings of all NESCAC schools vary greatly from one another. Despite major similarities amongst the surrounding liberal arts colleges, the No. five "Happiest Students" are found at Bowdoin, while Bates suffers a similar problem as Trinity with No. 15 in "Town-Gown Relations Strained." Ranking No. sixteen in "Great Financial Aid," Williams stands in staunch contrast to Connecticut College, which ranks third in "Students Dissatisfied with Financial Aid." With both happy and unhappy students and the best and worst food on campus, the Princeton Review highlights more contrasts than similarities amongst the NESCAC schools.

President James F. Jones and Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement Joseph Barber could not be reached for comment by press time.



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We're Back, Bitches!

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL LONG-DISTANCE BOYFRIENDS OF FRESHMAN GIRLS

Listen, part of me feels bad writing this, but another, much bigger part doesn't care, so here goes. I guess I'll start with the bad news first: you're going to break up. Probably pretty soon. I know, I know what you're thinking: "Not us!" But listen, dude, it's going to happen and what's worse is I'm going to be the one hooking up with her in some sweaty gross basement two hundred miles away from you and your stupid text messages that she isn't responding to. Don't worry though, she's going to run outside and call you afterwards and she's going to cry (maybe you will too), and you'll talk about how much you miss each other and how it's not that long until you see each other again. But it is. Because I'm here all the time and you never are. You'll probably feel good in the morning and think, "Look how strong our relationship is! She made a mistake but I forgave her because that's how much I care." Hahaha.

Oh, but you *love* each other? Whatever. Do you realize how much older and sweeter I am than you? Yeah I bet you guys drove around your stupid town and said you were going to stay together in college because this was meant to be and all the cynical assholes like me just don't understand what you have. I've heard "Hey There, Delilah" and it fucking sucks. I bet when it comes on the radio you think of her.

You think she likes sitting on the phone all the time? Because she doesn't. You think she likes standing out in the hallway hearing about how your day was while her friends are inside meeting boys and actually going to college? Nope. Sure, you have some good conversations, the ones where you laugh about stuff you did a long time ago, but that's old news and it's only getting older.

I've seen things at Trinity you've only dreamt about. I've seen a girl hook up with six guys in a single night. I've seen people having sex on a pile of hay. I've seen a girl bent over a banister at an Otis Day concert. What the hell have you seen? Your girlfriend's tiny boobs? Well guess what? Me too.

We all know the stories: fell in love in high school and they've been together ever since. That's not going to be you. It's not. No, seriously, it's not. She's going to get drunk, probably very drunk, and then she's going to go to a frat and feel like she's really cool because all the freshman guys who came with her are still waiting at the door. When she gets inside it's going to be like the best high school party she's ever seen, except ten times better. There's going to be free beer, no cell phone service and, most importantly, you're going to be nowhere in sight. She's not going to be thinking of that letter you sent her or the time you stayed up all night talking about the future, because it's hard to remember all that when she's fumbling to type the code to her North Campus room. Don't worry, I can wait.

What it really comes down to is that going to college with a girlfriend is like bringing sand to the beach. It's just not done. So keep texting her, I'm sure whatever you wrote is really sweet. But guess what? She's got me pressed up against the wall in the basement of Psi U and I doubt she wants to answer right now.

Yours very truly,

Hal Ebbott

PET CHIMPANZEE TO GOOD HOME!!

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-Top 5-

Hipster Activities

1. Apathy.
2. Staying out of the sunlight.
3. Tearing the name brands out of designer jeans.
4. Using vintage typewriters to create authentic love poems from the perspective of cats.
5. Ashing cigarillos into RedBull cans at 4:30 a.m. while complaining about consumerism.

Gossip Girlz

Hips Don't Lie

Spotted: Which over-lust-ing Psi-U frat-star landed a freshman Bantam last Friday night, just to learn when undressing "her" that this Bantam had a real cock? Wigs are fun, and cross dressing is cute, but don't forget, frat-ster ... hips don't lie...

Don't Bust Before You Come

Spotted: GG was walking home late night this Sunday when she passed a young freshman couple getting dirty on the lacrosse field. Evidently one young lad couldn't afford a Trojan ... or a Lifestyle ... and thus a good night ...

Campus Safety Officer Crushes a Homeless Man's Skull

Spotted: Which Campus Safety Officer was spotted escorting President Jones from his helicopter, which landed on the quad, to his home? One homeless man who approached the president was curb stomped. Bam. Yep. Bam. What? Bam. Yep.

Gossip Girlz are lazy and lame. If you want to help us find out dirty little secrets, like which massage parlors President Jones prefers, email us: john.badman@trincoll.edu.

FEATURES

The Trinity Tripod

Features Does Summer!

Driving Aimlessly: The Diary of a Summer Road Trip

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I stood in my pajamas holding my cell phone up to the sky, walking in circles in the middle of a motel parking lot, desperately trying to get service so I could make a call. I could have been in a cell phone commercial or a horror movie. Instead, I was on day two of a four-day-long trek through upstate Vermont and New York with two friends.

The trip began because my friends and I often take small vacations together during the summers. We've taken a train from Massachusetts to Virginia (not the smartest move). We've gone to Cedar Point to satisfy my roller coaster-obsessed friend's dream.

Our ideas for the trip this year evolved from Kansas (to see the biggest ball of twine in the world) to Prince Edward Island (for the warm water beaches) to Kentucky (why not?).

Fast forward through three weeks shooting out ideas to midnight, Tuesday. I was on

the phone on three-way calling with the guys who were joining me on the trip.

Me: So where do you guys want to go?

Guy 1: Wherever.

Guy 2: When do you want to leave?

Guy 1: Whenever.

Me: We could leave tomorrow.

Guy 2: Okay.

Guy 1: Cool.

Total result of unwillingness, from any of us, to make a decision.

I then ran around my room, throwing random clothes into my bag, hoping to find time to get to an ATM the next day, and leaving a note for my parents saying I'm going on a road trip, somewhere, and will see them when I get back, sometime, hopefully before work on Monday morning ...

Twenty-four hours and four gas station rest stops later, we landed in upstate New York, in a motel with a carpeted bathroom, sheets that had an unappealing smell, no cell service within walking distance, and Canadian Border Patrol

pulling into the parking lot behind us.

This snapshot poses the question — what is the appeal of an unplanned road trip? Something to do that is adventurous and daring? Something from which to get interesting stories? Something to do that suits unwillingness to sit down and plan out a trip?

I have to admit, the semi-panic that goes along with packing for an unspecified location for an unspecified amount of time is fun. Exciting, even. Driving in the two-hour-loop that resulted in not having enough gas to get to the other end of the forest, however, is not exciting, in any way.

The road trip was fun, but perhaps not what I expected. Sure, it was great to be able to go anywhere and do anything with no set plan, but at times it got stressful. There is only so much driving you can do before you have to stop somewhere, anywhere, and that landed us at a Renaissance festival, the first Great Lake that we could find, and a dive diner in upstate New York.

On that trip, I went from one horror movie scenario to another. People in motel with shady owner watching T.V. and no cell service — *Vacancy*, anybody? If you haven't seen it, it's time to brush up on your mediocre thriller movies.

Then came *House of Wax*. One day, we decided that we needed to pick a destination, so we randomly chose a town in upstate New York. Someone's mother had heard at some point that it was nice, we needed somewhere to go, it was within the five-hour radius we wanted to drive at that point; sold. Decision made.

Four and a half hours later we pulled into a ghost town. It was completely abandoned, and I only saw three people (yes, I counted — three) walking around on the streets of this so-called city. We pulled into a parking lot and there was a truck making some sort of delivery, but nobody was there; just the truck, attached to the building in loading mode.

The trip also included hitchhailing it to a pizza shop, any

pizza shop, because it took us longer than planned to get off the highway (watch out when two guys get hungry). We watched fireworks in a random town in Vermont for the 4th of July with a drunken woman screaming in the background. We saw more rest stop coffee stations than I've ever cared to see.

So what is the appeal of a trip like this? Why would someone want to cram into a car, sit in two hours of Boston traffic just to get out of the city, wander around a lake in the middle of a downpour, stand in a ghost town and wonder where to go from there, feel moldy motel carpet under one's feet after a shower, sleep underneath sheets that have definitely not been washed in between customers, and listen to drunk wailings while getting mosquito-bitten on bleachers?

Because, really, nothing can top sitting on a bench outside of a motel, watching cars pass on a no-name highway, feeling summer air whip against your face while sitting with two of your best friends.

Annual Bike Trip Across Iowa Offers Exercise, Fun, and Beer

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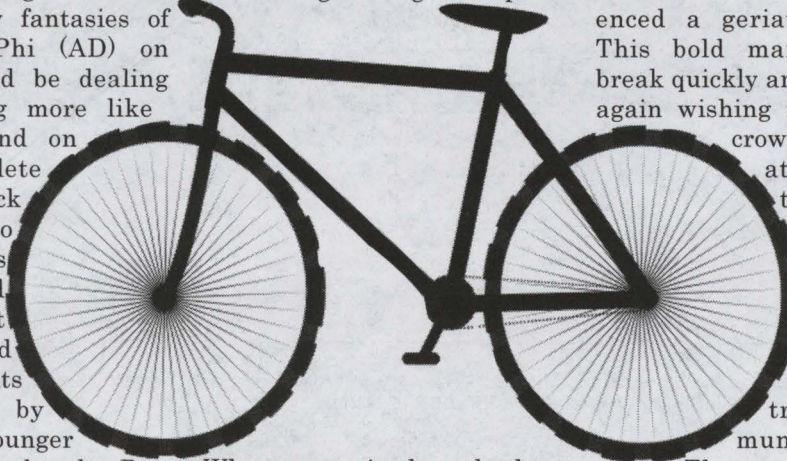
Throughout my five years of driving experience I have always been quick to anger, especially when cyclists are involved. They insist on taking up driving lanes and force cars to go, at most, 20 miles per hour, which is something I don't handle well. However, this summer, along with 10,000 other cyclists, I shamelessly helped close down and clog the highways of Iowa in the name of The Registered Annual Bike Ride Across Iowa (RABRAI) with surprising enthusiasm from registered drivers. RABRAI is a week-long event that brings cyclists from literally around the world to enjoy homemade pie and cheap beer while biking about sixty miles a day and camping at night. Though this type of exercise might sound intense to most people, for the still-athletic 30-some-year-olds missing their college days, it is an answer to their mid-life crisis woes. Described as "Woodstock on wheels," RABRAI XXXVII proved to be a less guilty way for people to travel from beer stop to beer stop.

My family, notorious advocates of unusual vacations, jumped at the opportunity to take a trip that would require extreme physical activity and unlimited port-a-potty usage. Somewhere along the way, my uncle's family decided to go with us and Team Gahree was formed. Even though I knew Team Gahree (which was derived from a nickname said

uncle gave to my mom at a young age) would not disappoint, I had no clue what was in store for me within the next week. Needless to say, I was pleasantly surprised when our first campsite was next to the Budweiser team, but the excitement wore off once I realized that no one was under 40 years old and everyone was wearing spandex. Before the first day of biking I realized that unlike my fantasies of Alpha Delta Phi (AD) on wheels, I would be dealing with something more like reunion weekend on wheels complete with throwback tunes. Thanks to my legal driver's license, I decided to keep a tight home base and make my parents uncomfortable by subjecting my younger cousins to the drunk, R-rated version of Lindsay. With these goals in mind, we began the first day of biking at 7 a.m. and completed three miles uphill before breakfast. The first 52-mile day brought confidence, bike mechanic skills, and RABRAI knowledge. I learned that when nature calls in between port-a-potty stops, find a cornfield, not a bean field. I was also lucky enough to get two flat tires after lunch.

Throughout every day, cyclists rode through several small towns to get to the host town where they would camp each night. Because the 10,000 cyclists provide these small Iowa towns with more

visitors than they see yearly combined, each town tries to outdo the others by bringing something special to the table. I discovered this the first day with parties on the side of the road and overflowing beer gardens. Later in the week, I would be subjected to — no, blessed with — karaoke, a mechanical bull, Guitar Hero, Ultra Lights, and "You Shook Me All Night Long" on repeat.



When we arrived at the host towns, they all had a band along with food, cycling merchandise and, of course, more beer. Though the beer was a priority, the food was a close second. Not only did every town have homemade pies, pig products, and corn, but several vendors with names like Pastafari and Mama Raphael's followed the RABRAI crew along the course, enticing everyone with signs counting down every mile until homemade ice cream or gourmet pasta.

While no day was typical per se, my crew adapted a routine for the seven days. We woke up around 7 a.m., hit the road at 7:30 a.m. and

biked for about 10 miles to a breakfast stop. We then biked about 40 more miles until we found a good lunch town. Between these major stops, we found other activities to occupy us along the way. One day, we stopped for a refreshing swim at a pond on the side of the road, which had already been discovered (or broken into) by a few crazy RABRAI-ers and even experienced a geriatric streaker. This bold man ended our break quickly and left me once again wishing for a younger crowd. We arrived at the host towns around 6 p.m. and enjoyed probably the third best thing about RABRAI: traveling communal showers.

These showers were peppered with awkward conversations about how awful communal showers are, and they left me with a strained neck because my unfortunately short stature put me at an undesired level with much, much older women. By the middle of the week, I realized that the extremely clingy spandex was a God-send compared to the frequent nudity I was experiencing on this trip. By the time showers were over, it was time to leave our campsite and hopefully find a fattening and unlimited dinner option in the town square. With dinner came the mid-life crisis party train rolling to a slow stop around 11 p.m. With

our youthful ability to outlast the main crowd, my siblings, cousins and I took comfort in sneaking around a fart machine after most bikers turned in for the night and making it go off for about an hour non-stop.

The seven long days came to a quick close, ending the trip with a storm watch that stranded my strange family with innocent people in a museum of heavy machinery. Restaurants closed early for the impending storm, so my dad was under the influence of a kettle corn dinner and started a rowdy game of "Wah" which was followed by other loud games. While my family is used to his hyperactive creative energy, the rest of the people holed up in the "storm shelter" were less than enthused by my dad's energetic teambuilding at 11 p.m., which was their bedtime.

The last day of biking turned out to be somewhat more calm than previous days, and left us all with heavy hearts at the thought of using a real bathroom. However, my group of under-21-year-olds agreed that when the youngest of us hit the age of 30, we would be back full-force to give RABRAI something to talk about. After it was all over and we realized how crazy cyclists actually are, we felt the sense of accomplishment that only biking across a state can provide. To those with a streak of crazy and a sense of adventure, I will see you at the next RABRAI, a beer helmet on my head, a pie in my hand and Pepto-Bismol in my pocket.

Counting Hour By Hour: The Pitfalls of Unpaid Internships

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As I am writing this article, I'm sitting at my internship, six hours and three minutes in. I have an hour and 57 minutes left and all I have to do from now until then is check the mail. So I am sitting at my desk with lukewarm Dunkin' Donuts coffee, scribbling this on logo-stamped stationery while people flutter around me in magazine-production mode.

Why am I being so completely useless at my workplace? My tasks for the day include checking the company's e-mail (approximately 3000 times thus far), writing an article (waiting for edits), and checking the snail mail (it comes in 24 minutes).

After going through a summer's worth of two internships, I have to ask the probing question — what, really, is the point? What does experience in your chosen career path actually mean? Reflecting on my own work and observing my friends do tasks that anybody could do — not just a carefully selected intern, but anybody capable of licking an envelope shut — made me wonder if these internships, these various

non-paying, résumé-building "jobs," are really worth it for anyone involved.

From the interns' point of view, the pros logically outweigh the cons. We get another line on our résumé, which, in these rough economic times, is supposedly invaluable. As for our "employers," they get people to do their dirty work; everything from stuffing envelopes to taping boxes shut to alphabetizing their library. They get people who will do the work that no one wants to do, and do it well, because the résumé is essentially incomplete without a stellar recommendation.

Those are the obvious pros of the unpaid internship. Those are the reasons constantly running through your mind as you chug countless cups of steaming coffee in the morning before your treacherously long commute to the city. But sometimes the cons outweigh the extra résumé-boost.

A typical day while trying to complete my internship: wake up to alarm clock. Inject self with coffee. Drive to the train station, take 45-minute train to Boston, walk 10 minutes to office building. Sit at desk until called into boss's office.

Yesterday, my day became less than mundane because of

the speech my boss gave me, which went something like this: "The print journalism industry is dying. You should really get involved in online writing or another type of media if you are set on writing for a living. But thanks for applying for the position, sending your résumé, rearranging your schedule, and commuting into the city to work at this magazine, which is a print medium and an unpaid internship."

One of my friends enters things on an Excel spreadsheet at her internship. My other friend shredded paper at his internship for four hours yesterday. Last week, I put nine years' worth of *The New Yorker* in chronological order.

Are any of these tasks really necessary? Sure, they build our résumés and help out our bosses, but at a certain point, wouldn't it be easier for them to just do it themselves? They have to orient us in a new office, with new people, doing new tasks every day. They have to instruct us as to what to do. They have to interrupt their own work to show us what to do when the copier gets jammed, or where the extra labels are, or how to create this specific .pdf file. And we have to learn all of these things, things that are so spe-

cific to this office that we probably won't use them again, and commit ourselves for nothing but a promise of a good word to future employers who (we hope) will actually pay us.

Often there is not even busy work for interns to do; I text my friends while we are at our respective internships. Some of my friends use Facebook. One plays Text

Twist. Another goes to the bathroom once every hour to keep busy. As I sit at this desk, contemplating asking my boss if there is anything for me to do, I suppose it's society's imprint that keeps us at these unpaid internships. Work hard, and you'll get there. File enough *New Yorkers*, and you'll make it.

One hour and 36 minutes left.

Top 5

Freshman Mistakes

1. Lanyard.
2. Staying with your high school sweetheart.
3. Rolling 20 deep to a frat at 9:35 p.m.
4. Hitting on your mentor.
5. Trying to make friends with upperclassmen.

Dr. Trincest

...answers your love questions

DR. TRINCEST

LOVE EXPERT

Dear Dr. Trincest,

This summer, I started hanging out with and hooking up with a guy from home. He goes to school far away, so it's not like I'm expecting us to be together anymore, but I would like to stay in touch and hopefully start things up again later. What should I do?

Love,
Summer Bummer

Dear SumBum,

It's good that you're being realistic and you don't expect to stay exclusive with this guy. Unless your names are Sandy and Danny, summer lovin' tends to come to an end once

September starts. Still, it might be possible to maintain a relationship if you play your cards right. Being back at school tends to mean getting distracted with new love interests and new hook-ups. You sound like you're keeping your options open, but remember to let him do the same and just treat him like a friend. Nonchalance is the way to go. Feel free to give him the occasional call or text to catch up or say hi, but leave the romance in the past for now. Unless he initiates it, you might find your advances unrequited, which will almost certainly burn this bridge.

Don't put too much pressure on the situation. If it's meant to be, I'm sure your summer buddy can turn into something more substantial year-round.

Dear Dr. Trincest,

So I'm a freshman and I totally love Camp Trin Trin so far!!! I met this senior guy at a frat last weekend and I think he seems to really like me a lot, but my friends tell me that I should watch out. What do you think?

Love,
Almost Jailbait

Dear Almost Jailbait,

In this case, probably listen to your friends. Sometimes an age gap this big is no problem, but if he seems too eager, ask yourself what's wrong with this guy that he can't find a girl his own age? He might just want to take advantage of you. A good

gauge to go by: if he doesn't buy you dinner first, definitely don't give him dessert. A chicken parm at the Bistro doesn't count.

Dear Dr. Trincest,

I hooked up with a girl at the end of last year and I managed to avoid her all summer. I don't want to continue anything now that we are back at school. What is the best way to let her know I'm definitely not in it for the long haul?

Sincerely,
Hit It and Quit It

Dear Thought It Was A Good Idea But Then Decided Against It,

First of all, I do not approve

of this "Hit It and Quit It" terminology. It is quite disrespectful to women.

But now, to answer your question, there is definitely a tactful way of saying that you no longer want to bone. Next time this girl approaches you, be civil but not too friendly. When you want to believe someone is into you, you may misinterpret even friendly behavior as flirting, so beware of sending mixed signals.

If she comes straight out and asks you what's going on between the two of you, tell her calmly that you had a good time with her last year but that you think you should just be friends in the future. It may be a BS response that might seem a bit trite, but at least she'll appreciate the effort and respect your decision.

around trinity

Freshman Mistakes Self for Naked Lawn Gnome

We know that drunken nudity is one of the best parts of the first weekend back at school. However, one First-year took this philosophy too far, which AT hopes he realized when he woke up less-than-dressed outside a certain presidential house on campus.

Enthusiastic Dancer Almost Draws "True Blood"

AT was enjoying some good old-fashioned grinding with a stranger at the Welcome Back Dance last Friday, and didn't think twice when Mr. Lord of the Dance started getting down and low ... that is, until AT felt a bite on the bum. Maybe Edward Cullen would be proud, but AT is no Bella.

Welcome Back Dance Uses Rain Location, Psych!

Some say to save the best for last, but this weekend two seniors never made it to their last Welcome Back Dance. AT spotted two lost souls wandering around Ferris, soaked from the rain and looking confused, apparently unaware that the dance was, yes, in the same locale as the past three years.

AT can't always catch you and your friends at your most devious, and, more importantly, embarrassing, moments, so share a naughty tale! E-mail us at tripod@trin-coll.edu.

ARTS

The Trinity Tripod

Michael Jackson: A Tripod Staffer's Tribute to the King of Pop

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In the wake of and in the subsequent months since Michael Jackson's (arguably) untimely death, countless commentators have endlessly discussed the mystery surrounding his death and the hoopla occurring at his memorials. There have been multiple tributes at assorted awards shows, from his sister Janet Jackson performing "Scream" at last weekend's MTV Video Music Awards to Miley Cyrus changing the lyrics in "Party in the U.S.A." at the Teen Choice Awards to include "the Michael song."

Jackson was, without a doubt, a pop icon. Perhaps my use of the past tense is not totally appropriate, as icon status could certainly continue after death. From the generations prior to our own, to that of the current undergraduate student body, Jackson meant something completely different. Anyone who came of age in the early 2000s knows Jackson more for his tarnished personal reputation than for his music. This is entirely unfortunate. I am one of the few who truly believes that Jackson was innocent of the crimes of which he was

accused, and that he was a deeply troubled man. If these allegations were his legacy, I would be disappointed.

Thankfully, the celebrations of his career, post-mortem, have given new life to his music. Songs that might not have been hugely popular are suddenly present in the public realm again. I have been a Jackson fan for quite some time, at least since my early teens. For my 16th birthday, my older sister bought me his greatest video hits on DVD, and for Christmas last year, the same sister's boyfriend bought me a 25th anniversary reprint of "Thriller" on vinyl. It has some awesome album art printed on the vinyl.

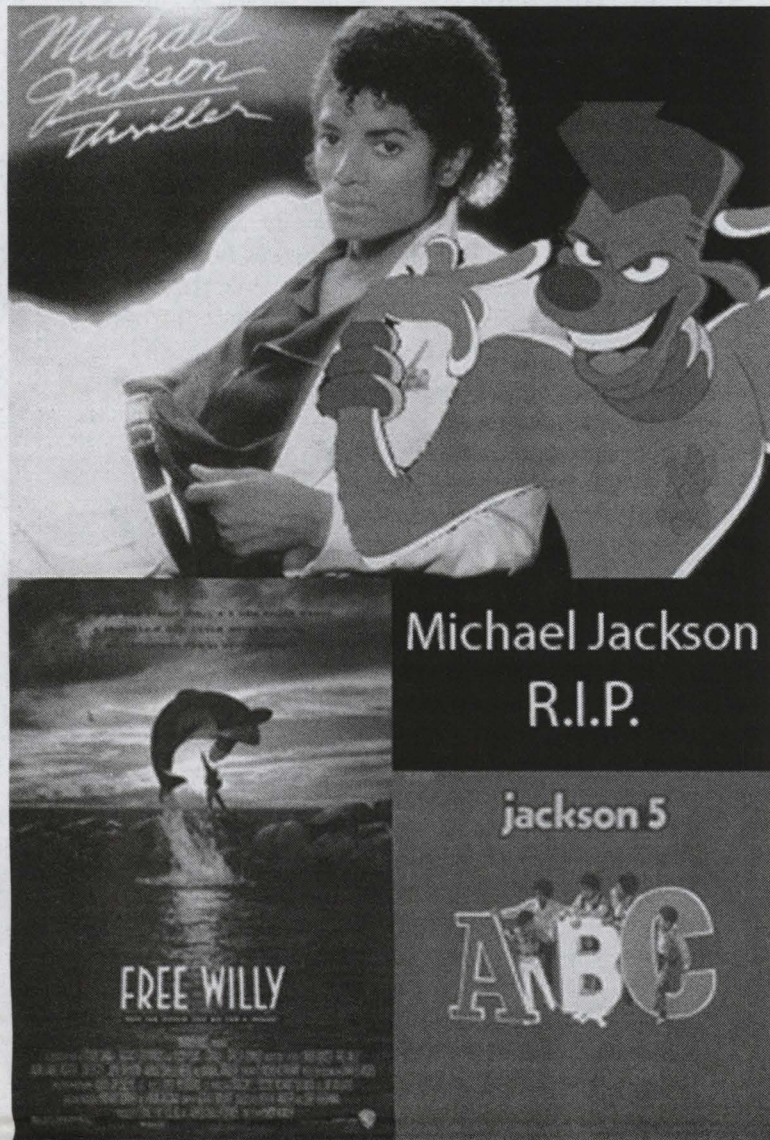
Every time I hear "ABC" by the Jackson 5, I think of a specific moment during my fraternity pledging. I seriously considered buying a "I Liked Michael Jackson Before He Was Dead" T-shirt from BustedTees.com, but decided against it. I don't have to prove that I am a fan.

In reviewing my fondest M.J. memories, the classic "Free Willy" immediately comes to mind. Not only is it a spectacular movie, but it also features one of my favorite Jackson songs, "Will You Be

There?" I vividly remember loving the film as a four-year-old, and the public obsession with Keiko, the movie's star, that followed. Every time I think about that cinematic masterpiece, I inevitably start humming the Jackson song. Jennifer Hudson performed it admirably at his memorial concert back in June.

I am hopeful and confident that Jackson's legacy will eventually forget the bizarre and focus on the great. I could go on and on about how important Michael Jackson was in defining pop music, but that has been done ad nauseum. I could go on and on about how fantastic "Thriller" is, and how so many of his songs broke race and genre barriers, but that too has been done.

It reminds me of one of my favorite quotations, one that I have used as an epigraph for a few papers and short stories in which I feel I may not have been capable of novelty. From Carole King, "One more song about moving along the highway, can't say much of anything that's new." That nothing new can be said speaks to the grandeur of his star, and the brightness with which he now shines, not stopping until he gets enough.



Michael Jackson
R.I.P.

jackson 5

ABC

A Cappella Concert Features Familiar Tunes, Attracts New Talent

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Accidentals concert in the past. The one and only all-male group on campus finished with "Some Kind of Wonderful," with solos by Elliot Faust '12, who sported some stylish sunglasses, as well as Ben Feldman '10, Finley Harckham '10, and Jeremy Zimmerman '10.

The second all-female group, the Quirks, came up next, and wasted no time in wowing the audience. Courtney Duffy '12 belted out "Mercy" with passion and poise, turning in a performance that would be difficult to surpass, but the Quirks were not done impressing. Their second and last song, "Somebody to

Love," featured Duffy, Amanda Sweat '12, Kat Lawlor '10, and Natasha Jeremiah '10 and, despite the fact that the tone of the song was slightly more subdued, the vocals were outstanding once again.

The Trinity Pipes, Trinity's oldest a cappella group, was fourth, and put an energetic spin on the old favorite "Cecilia" with an interjection of "Jump On It," featuring some interesting and vigorous dance moves by Griffin Keady '10 and Tom Weir '10. After some comedic relief, the Pipes came back down to Earth with a striking rendition of "Happy Ending," featuring beautiful solo work from Keil Coit '11, Sarah Muir '09, and

Alana Tabacco '09.

The final performance was by the youngest group on campus. The Dischords, about to celebrate their fourth birthday, began with "Suddenly I See," featuring a difficult solo from Audrey Blumstein '11. The highlight of the Dischords' performance was definitely the impressive falsetto work from David Caffrey '11 during the last song of the night, "Take Your Mama Out."

With auditions following the performances, there will undoubtedly be many more enjoyable a cappella concerts in the near future, and we can all look forward to some new faces (and voices) in the crowd.



Courtesy of Lucy Batterman '09

Claire Talcott '10, the Trinitones' musical director, introduces the group's set.



Courtesy of Lucy Batterman '09

Morgan Furst '10 and Griffin Keady '10 introduce the Trinity Pipes and talk about the group's history.



Courtesy of Lucy Batterman '09

Sarah Muir '09 and Alana Tabacco '09 duet on the Pipes' arrangement of Mika's "Happy Ending."

The Return of the Bloodsucker: Vampires in Popular Culture

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As anyone who has Internet access knows, once something has become a cultural phenomenon, it is almost impossible to escape; it becomes so firmly rooted in our collective consciousness that its wild popularity is as obvious and inescapable a fact as "the sky is blue." So here I am, facing what is probably the biggest cultural phenomenon (or, at any rate, the biggest cause for spam on my Twitter feed) in recent times: vampires.

Vampires are nothing new if you are up to snuff on your literature. John Polidori's 1819 short story "The Vampyre" is widely considered the first piece of vampire fiction, inspired by a night of telling ghost stories with Lord Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Mary Shelley. Sheridan Le Fanu wrote a novella in 1872 called *Carmilla* about a female vampire of the same name, which was likely inspired by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's 1797 poem "Christabel."

However, it was not until 1897 that vampires, normally considered abominations of nature, became a source of curiosity and entertainment. That year, Irish writer Bram Stoker wrote *Dracula*, giving us a character that has not only become a household name, but has spawned a number of films, literary tributes, and video games over the last century. It is this book that continues to influence writers, artists, and musicians, among others, and has sired a long line of copycats.

The interesting thing about the most recent strain of vampire-related entertainment is that these creatures are no longer viewed as the terrors of

19th-century literature. In fact, 21st-century vampires are shockingly human, possibly because of how they have been romanticized by contemporary writers such as Anne Rice, Charlaine Harris, and perhaps most infamously, Stephenie Meyer. Rice is best known for her *Vampire Chronicles* series, which contains the famous volume *Interview with the Vampire*, inspiration for the 1994 film that jump-started Kirsten Dunst's career. Harris's *Southern Vampire Mysteries* (which have recently been adapted into the critically-acclaimed HBO series *True Blood*) offer perhaps the most human and allegorical portrayal of vampires, comparing their struggle for civil rights in the United States to that of many minority groups. Meyer's *Twilight* saga also depicts fairly humane, ethical vampires, most notably the Cullen clan, who refuse to feed on humans and instead drink animal blood to sustain themselves. However, since they sparkle in the sunlight instead of bursting into flame, and are the picture of pre-marital abstinence, it is safe to say Meyer's vampires are clearly the off-brand ones she bought on sale at Hot Topic.

What strikes me as odd is that some of these series – with the exception of *Twilight* – aren't particularly recent. Rice's books debuted in the 1970s, Harris' mystery novels first came onto the scene in 2001, and *Twilight* was published in 2005, though it was not until whispers of a film were heard that the fandom went completely wild. So my question is, why the sudden fascination?

Certainly there's the sexual aspect of vampirism, which most of these series address.

Twilight downplays it, leading some of its critics (myself included) to write it off as abstinence propaganda. (Obviously it's not permissible to include smut in a young adult novel, but when kissing is too dangerous there's just no sense of realism. Teenagers kiss. Get over it.) Harris's Sookie Stackhouse starts the series as a 26-year-old virgin, but quickly finds herself falling for Civil War veteran (and vampire) Bill Compton and other male characters as the series progresses.

The notion of what to do when you can live forever is another curious aspect about vampires. Meyer's vampires hide their true nature; the younger-looking ones attend high school and college in different towns across the country, accumulating multiple degrees and diplomas over the decades – all this just to maintain the façade of youth. Harris' vampires, conversely, have "come out of the coffin," so to speak, and have found their niche in the lucrative business of owning bars and nightclubs, profiting from the attentions of mindless "fangbangers" who simply want to feel the adrenaline rush of being with a vampire and don't mind handing over their money, blood, or (in some cases) lives to do so.

We, too, as viewers and readers, enjoy the danger, especially when juxtaposed with a dark character's tender moments. *True Blood*'s Eric Northman (played by Swedish actor Alexander Skarsgård) looked hilarious in a second-season episode where he donned flip-flops, sweatpants, and highlighting foils as he swaggered into the basement where he kept prisoners who had committed crimes against vampires; that is, until two

minutes later, when he literally ripped a man to shreds for burning him with silver. Add to that Eric's emotional breakdown following the suicide of his maker, and you have a recipe for women swooning all over the place. Everybody likes a Bad Ass Jerk with a Heart of Gold. Just ask the folks at TVTropes.com.

I suppose the biggest reason vampires have become so popular lately is because of the female fascination with the perfect love story and the reader proxy. In most recent vampire fiction, the protagonist of

any given story – usually a young woman – is often smart, pretty, and loved by some tormented vampire who sees something special inside of her. I won't lie, it's hard not to want to identify with these types of characters (although Sookie Stackhouse is perhaps a better model of the character than Bella Swan). It's always nice to be loved, or at the very least, appreciated, and I think many of these series feed into our collective desire to be somebody's special snowflake, even if we can only live out that fantasy through a fictional character.



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The crowd outside the 2008 San Diego Comic-Con overwhelmed *Twilight* stars.



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1000-year-old vampire Eric Northman (Alexander Skarsgård) owns the bar Fangtasia.

Outside Lands Festival Emphasizes Art, Activism, Awareness

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If you were to look at a map of San Francisco from the 1860s, much of it would be blank, except for the vague label "Outside Lands." Today that space is known as the Sunset district and is the location of one of San Francisco's most beautiful spots: Golden Gate Park. It is here that the second annual San Francisco Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival, a three-day celebration featuring such big-name bands as Pearl Jam, Dave Matthews Band, and Tenacious D, was held.

In addition to the 60-plus bands featured throughout the weekend, the festival boasted work from several accomplished local artists, artist CD signings sponsored by f.y.e., a tent sponsored by Intel, in which concert-goers could scratch and remix their own music, and even a Garnier Fructis salon, for those who wanted to pick up some styling tips or curl their hair between sets.

In addition to all the fun,

the festival put a serious emphasis on environmental protection with Eco Lands, an interactive conservation effort. The results were impressive: a stage powered completely by solar energy, a store at which people could trade in littered cups and bottles for concert merchandise, and recycling and composting bins liberally distributed throughout the festival grounds. The Outside Lands website boasts a 65 percent waste diversion rate, and 34.6 tons of recycling collected.

I only attended the concert for one of the three possible days, but I was lucky enough to see M.I.A. and Tenacious D. Though it was a miserably cold and foggy day, the kind that San Francisco does best, M.I.A. came decked out in a short sequined dress emblazoned with a cheetah's head and pointed cap sleeves. She was accompanied by several female backup singers decked out in neon spandex and various people who would come out at seemingly random intervals and dance furiously. While the crowd obviously loved hearing favorites such as the hit songs

"Paper Planes" and "Boyz," she was not as enthused as her viewers; she seemed to be somewhat distracted, and ended her set 10 minutes early.

Tenacious D's performance was far more dynamic. The crowd near the stage was filled with loyal fans who could be overheard discussing album preferences and band history. When Jack Black walked out on stage, holding a cup of coffee and looking critical, the audience erupted into cheers that lasted a full five minutes. Jack

announced that it was his 40th birthday and proceeded to run off into the wings, only to run back on, performing back flips and "flick flacks." Everyone was clearly impressed until his brother, the other member of the band, revealed that it was a stunt double. At one point a man came out dressed as Satan and had a "rock off" with the Black brothers, and at another point a giant metal monster came out and started doing karate moves to the beat of the music. It was clear that every-

one on stage was having as much, if not more, fun than the rollicking assemblage, many of whom were moshing and stage diving.

All in all, if for some reason next summer you are not able to get that coveted internship or there is no more room in the Trinity Rome program, consider coming out to San Francisco's Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival, for some environmental education, local art, and rock-offs with the Antichrist.



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The Panhandle stage at the festival was completely powered by solar energy, using products from company Sustainable Waves.

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Field Hockey Ranked in National Coaches Poll

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Rarely does a team find great success before the first game, but the Trinity College field hockey team is an exception. On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the Kookaburra/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) ranked the Trinity women 12th in the Preseason National Poll.

The poll included 20 top Division III field hockey programs from around the country. Trinity's New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) rivals Bowdoin College and Tufts University topped the list at first and second, respectively. Ursinus College, Messiah College, and The College of New Jersey rounded out the top five.

Fellow conference opponent Middlebury College made an appearance at the seventh-place spot. Only one out-of-conference team that Trinity will face this season in regular season play, Springfield College, appears in the poll. The team out of Massachusetts is ranked 19th overall. The Bantams will see them at the end of

September.

According to co-captain Carrie Wolcott '10, "the NESCAC, without a doubt, is the most competitive league in Division III field hockey. Last year in the NESCAC finals, Bowdoin defeated Tufts in overtime, only to have a repeat

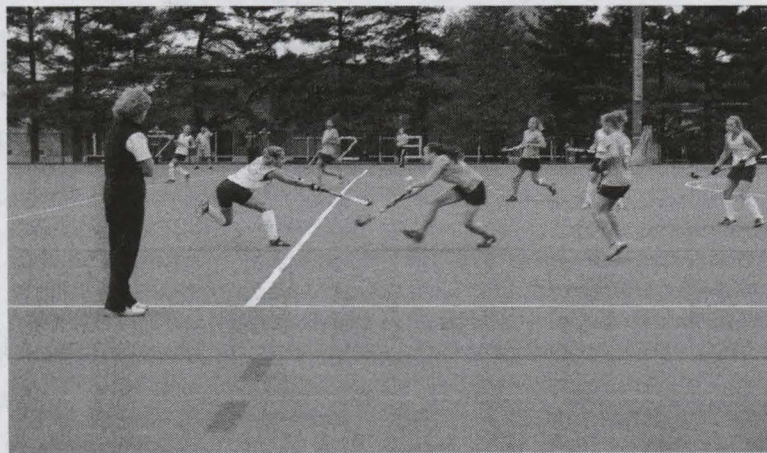
"The rankings are based on a coaches' poll and the 2008 season. Trinity is deserving of the No. 12 ranking based on last year's performance. For the first time in the school's history the field hockey team received an NCAA bid, losing in overtime last year to 10th ranked

their way to the second round of play before being eliminated.

Returning this fall, Wolcott, Christy Bradley '11, and All-American Robyn Williams '12 will lead Trinity's offense. Last season, Trinity's defense allowed fewer than one goal per game. The same is expected of co-captain Meg Ryan '10 and Payson Sword '12 on defense. Meanwhile, All-American goalkeeper Gina Dinallo '12 seeks to improve the .844 save percentage she posted last season. With four of their opponents ranked ahead of them in the Kookaburra/NFHCA Pre-Season poll, the Trinity women will need to synergize their abilities in order to be successful this season.

Thus far, their preseason preparation and the added confidence of being ranked 12th in the nation have paid off. The Bantams won their first game of the season against NESCAC opponent, Colby, 4-3. Forward Christy Bradley scored the game-winning goal in overtime to secure the victory.

Middlebury College, ranked ahead of Trinity in the poll, arrives in Hartford on Saturday.



Emily Gittleman '11

In a preseason coaches poll, the field hockey team was ranked 12th in the nation.

in the NCAA [National Collegiate Athletic Association] finals, as well. Trinity beat Bowdoin in the regular season and lost to Tufts in overtime twice."

Poll results are determined by votes submitted to NFHCA by coaches around the country.

Rowan College," commented Wolcott. The Bantams earned their ranking due partly to their impressive 2008 season. Their starting lineup, which included four All-Americans, earned the team's first bid to the NCAA tournament since 1998. The Bantams fought

Athletic Director Richard Hazelton Set to Retire

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2008 NCAA III Baseball College World Series, and two women's rowing varsity eight national titles.

Most recently, in 2009, Hazelton was named an ECAC Administrator of the Year, but amazingly, he intended to watch many of these exciting moments from retirement.

"I've been toying with this for five years, at least," he said. "I had a friend's son come here in 2000 [...] and I said he and I would probably leave together in 2004, but then the College finances and the departmental finances were falling apart, and I just couldn't leave at that time. And I'm glad I didn't. I've seen a lot of great women's

rowing, and baseball, and squash, and men's rowing, too. So I'm glad I stayed."

But now, he says, the time has finally come for him to step down. With three sons (all of whom attended and played lacrosse at Trinity) and their families in three different time zones, including Hong Kong, Los Angeles, and Martha's Vineyard, his priorities have shifted.

"I think it will be nice for him to do something different with his family on a weekend for a change," said Associate Athletic Director Robin Sheppard.

Sheppard, Hazelton's second-in-command, started at Trinity with him in 1974. They have both only known two Athletic Directors in that

time—Kurth, the man who hired them both, and now Hazelton himself. In fact, he is only the third in the past 74 years. Sheppard stressed her desire to see the future Athletic Director follow in that tradition of longevity.

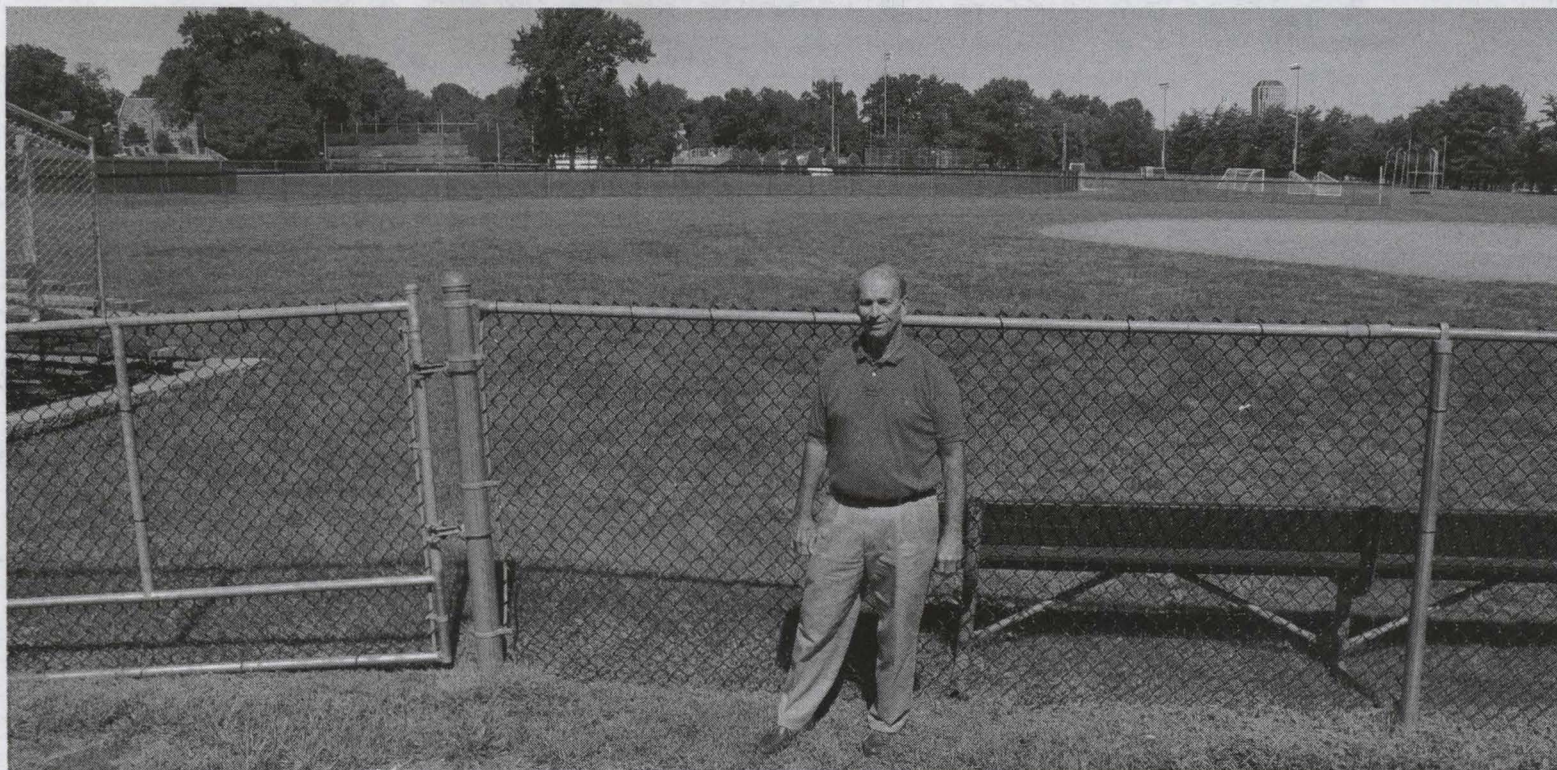
"I think we need to have someone who will be here for 10 years at least; not just use this as a stepping-stone to the Ivies, but someone who wants to stick around for awhile," she said.

When pressed for more information on a potential successor, both administrators steered clear of the topic. "I have no idea. I'm staying out of that," said Hazelton. Sheppard, a logical in-house choice, agreed, offering only, "I don't know if there will be any in-house candidates. At this

moment in time, I'm not considering being one of them. I love my position, I like what I do, and I would be excited to help a new person transition in [...] I so hope I'm a member of the search committee." The College will begin a nationwide search in January 2010.

Sheppard emphasized the state of the program Hazelton is leaving behind. "He's created a really spectacular across the board, equitable program, successful program, and I think that said, he's going to feel comfortable leaving it where it is."

He is. "Trinity isn't going to fold because of one person. I had a hand in it, but it's the coaches, the athletes, the administrators [...] Trinity will be fine," he said.



Emily Gittleman '11

Trinity's Athletic Director Rick Hazelton is planning to retire after the 2009-2010 school year, following 36 years of service to the school, 28 in his current position.

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ed off in Maine with a tie against Colby College on Saturday, Sept. 15. Weedon played well in the goal, recording nine saves. The offense, which flourished in Bermuda, appeared to be clicking, as they recorded 23 shots to the Mules' 14. Though the game ended in a tie, it was yet another excellent display of the team's potential and could foreshadow another improved season.

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out the White Mules in a 1-0 victory, thanks to the game's only goal scored by Wisner. Trinity will play Worcester State College on Wednesday, Sept. 16. The first home game for the Bantams will be next Saturday, Sept. 19, against conference foe Middlebury College.

Rowers Compete for U.S.A.

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brothers Nate Kelly '10 and Will Kelly '11, and Eli Roxby '09 represented the United States at the U23 Championships on July 26 in Racice, Czech Republic. Former Trinity Head Coach of Men's Rowing Larry Gluckman helped to train Nate Kelly, John Graves, and Roxby for their summer events. They worked with Gluckman at the rowing center he runs in Craftsbury, Vt. The Kelly brothers both sculled, rowing with an oar in each hand. Will Kelly competed in the lightweight quad, a boat with four rowers and no coxswain. Nate Kelly, who is a men's rowing tri-captain this season, finished 14th, rowing in a double. John Graves, who is a men's soccer and rowing captain, and Roxby, former team co-captain, rowed sweep together in a pair, each with one oar. Graves and Roxby came in 13th overall.

Because of their performance on the international stage, these current Trinity rowers have high expectations for this collegiate season.



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The Trinity Tripod

M. Soccer Team Takes Summer Trip Overseas

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In the fall of 2008, the Trinity College men's soccer team posted an impressive 11-5 overall record. They earned their second consecutive bid to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Championship Tournament and made it to the semifinal round of play. In the process, these men proved themselves to be some of the most talented soccer players to don Bantam uniforms in recent years.

This summer, the Trinity men had the opportunity to test their athleticism and abilities abroad. They departed the U.S. on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009 and spent the proceeding nine days touring Scotland, Northern Ireland, and England. The Bantams represented Trinity well in numerous exhibition matches against elite European soccer teams.

Their trip began in Scotland with a game against a youth squad affiliated with the Glasgow Rangers, a professional soccer team. Trinity's men quickly adjusted to Glasgow's style of play and allowed only two goals in the first half of the game. Unfortunately, in the second half, the Bantams fell victim to persistent jetlag and lost to the Rangers 6-1.

The Bantams enjoyed spending an afternoon at the Rangers' training grounds and remained optimistic as they traveled by boat to Belfast, Northern Ireland two days later. Upon arrival, they headed straight for the Carrick Rangers Football Club to prepare for their second game of the trip. Though the Carrick Rangers surprised the Bantams with an aggressive style of play, Trinity prevailed, with goals contributed by defenseman Jason Kulik '10

and forward and tri-captain Sam Wisner '10.

Following the game, the team returned to Scotland to face one final Scottish team. Injuries and fatigue left the Bantams with few substitute players. Ayr United's stellar goalkeeper troubled the Bantams. With a respectable record of 1-2 on the trip, the Bantams departed for England. Trinity played the final game against the defending English Junior College national champions. In a close match, the Bantams scored two goals, but allowed three. Tri-captain and defenseman John Graves '10 called it, "a very good match," and reflected that, "playing these professional teams gave us a glimpse of the next level of the sport and the game at the international level."

On August 25, the Bantam men returned home, exhausted, but optimistic about their upcoming season. Graves noted that, "the trip was a success in terms of being a chance for the team to get into game shape [...] It was definitely an eye-opening experience for some guys and now gives us a clear idea of how to surpass our opponents, who probably did not get this same opportunity."

When asked how the trip will influence their season, Graves replied, "I think this fall we will be able to play a higher brand of soccer than we have in the past. We saw overseas how the rhythm and pace of the game is a little different, we are going to try to incorporate that into our pattern of play."

After proving themselves a formidable opponent of professional European teams, the Bantams attempted to do the same against Colby College on Saturday, Sept. 12. They shut

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Women's Soccer Victorious in Bermuda

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The Trinity College women's soccer team finished its 2008 season with a disappointing 2-0 loss against Middlebury in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Quarterfinals. The season marked the best overall record (13-11) the Bantams

contributed with goals. Ley, Howard, and Pepper each scored in the second game as well. Right from the start, the Bantams looked as if they had been playing together in the offseason. Their passing, defense, and overall domination did not reflect the play of a team at a pre-season game, but rather looked like a team in mid-season form.

The second game took place

to focus more on its defense in the second game, but offensive opportunities sprung from the tenacious defense.

The trip was extremely successful for the women's soccer team. Emily Weedon '11, junior goalkeeper, stated, "not only did it give us a chance to play as a team before pre-season, but it was an incredible bonding experience and a fun time."

In between intense morning practices and competitive games, the girls were able to soak up the sun on the beach. One day the girls headed to Horseshoe Bay where the team enjoyed huge waves, pink sand, and beautiful weather until Hurricane Bill hit. They also had the opportunity to experience Bermudian culture by snorkeling, where they saw exotic animals such as sea turtles and tropical fish, and by treating themselves to the island drink called a Swizzle.

On Sunday, Aug. 23 the 15 women soccer players and four coaches headed home from their trip. The bonds formed and lessons learned during the trip will support the team in their upcoming battles.

The Bantams' season start-

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Courtesy of Claire Arnstein '10

The women's soccer team practiced and played two games while in Bermuda.

had achieved since 2004. They also went 4-5 in conference, finishing in sixth place.

Unfortunately, five seniors graduated from the team, leaving Head Coach Michael Smith with key positions to fill. In order to combat this potential problem, Coach Smith planned a preseason trip to Bermuda in order to strengthen and condition the returning players for the 2009 fall season. The Bantams responded with flying colors, recording two shutout victories on the trip and scoring 10 total goals in the games.

The Bantams' play in their two games provided the perfect tune up for the 2009 NESCAC season. The sophomores led the team to a 5-0 victory in the first game, scoring four out of the five goals. Lindsay Monaghan '12, Jenny Ley '12, Leigh Howard '12, and Lily Pepper '12 all

a couple of days later. Along with the aforementioned sophomores, Morgan Sackman '11 and senior tri-captain Lauren Olsen '10 scored to lead the Bantams to another 5-0 victory. Coach Smith wanted the team



Courtesy of Claire Arnstein '10

Members of the women's soccer team got a chance to enjoy the Bermudian culture.

Trinity College Rowers and Alumni Compete Internationally

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A group of current and former Trinity College men's rowers made crew a three-season sport by competing at the international level this summer. The rowers qualified for the Under 23 World Championships (U23WC) and the Senior World Championships, shedding their familiar Trinity blue and gold for red, white, and blue.

Three Trinity Alumni also raced for the USA in the Senior World Championships. Brothers Tom Graves '05, and Peter Graves '07 joined cousin

and recent alumnus Brian DeRegt '09 at the Championships in Poznan, Poland at the end of August. The Graves brothers' father, Harry Graves '78, who was on the coaching staff, also attended the event. With three rowers competing, Trinity was the third most represented college at the event, an incredible feat for a Division III school.

The Graves brothers, rowing together in a double, qualified by winning the U.S. Trials with a time of 6:17, one of the fastest times in recent history. Competition was fierce at the World Championships and the Graves brothers finished 16th

overall. Along with competing this summer, Peter Graves helped to coach the junior men's double sculls at the Junior World Championship Trials. DeRegt raced in the lightweight four event, in which four rowers have one oar apiece in a boat with no coxswain. His boat finished 13th overall. DeRegt did not limit himself only to the Senior World Championships, however, but also raced in the World Cup in Switzerland earlier this summer.

The third Graves brother, John Graves '10, along with

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Courtesy of Will Kelly '11

Will Kelly '11 warms up with his teammates in Racice, Czech Republic this July.